

Spring ahead

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Return to normalcy

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Struggle over care 'horrifying'

Despite son's ADHD, abuse by relative, Connecticut mom has fought for steady psychiatric aid for more than a year

By Eliza Fawcett

Hartford Courant

In 2020, when Brian was in middle school, he kept getting suspended. He behaved inappropriately in class; he often seemed angry and impulsive. A social worker at his school began to suspect he was exhibiting signs of abuse. During one conversation together, she asked if anyone had ever hurt him.

"When we are alone," Brian said, according to documents from a

Department of Children and Families investigation.

Subsequent police and forensic interviews determined that over the past five years, Brian had allegedly been sexually assaulted by a relative more than a dozen times.

To Brian's mother Jessica, the disclosure was devastating. Brian is on the autism spectrum and has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, which can make communication challenging, she said. (Jessica and Brian

are pseudonyms. The Courant does not identify victims of alleged sexual abuse and is withholding the mother's name because it would identify the child.)

"It was horrible. We had no idea," Jessica said. "We'd ask, 'Hey, are you OK? Is everything OK? Is anything bothering you?' I don't think he knew anything different."

In the wake of the disclosure, Jessica said she soon faced a new challenge: securing behavioral

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Brian (a pseudonym) has encountered waitlists and coverage denials for intensive treatment after disclosing he was sexually abused by a relative, and his mother is seeking correct care. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**



Andrew Hussain stands at a rear entrance to a former factory at 169 Bartholomew Ave. in Hartford, perhaps in the worst condition of any building in the plans to develop the area as an innovation corridor. **MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

RENOVATE TO INNOVATE

These buildings could be part of Hartford's ambitious Parkville hub

By Kenneth R. Gosselin | Hartford Courant

An ambitious \$250 million plan to raise Hartford's profile as a hub for digital innovation and advanced manufacturing is getting down to street level, building-by-building, as the city seeks state funding to boost its vision for the Parkville Arts & Innovation District.

A 500-plus page proposal seeking nearly \$50 million from the state's innovation corridor grant program details plans for a dozen properties in the heart of Parkville, once a hub of manufacturing turning out bicycles, typewriters and automobiles.

The linchpin of the city's plan is creating innovation space to form startups while providing space for them to grow and creating jobs at all skill levels.

"Advanced manufacturing, much like health care and insurance, is increasingly driven by digital tech-



Andrew, from left, Michael, Gladys and Bob Hussain tour the former factory at 169 Bartholomew Ave. in Hartford. They see it as a good fit for the Parkville Arts & Innovation District, perhaps renovated for light industrial use.

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Arrest in fires at worship houses

Suspect to be charged with arson in Friday blazes in New Britain

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
and Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN — A suspect has been arrested and will be charged with arson in connection with two fires at houses of worship in New Britain on Friday, Mayor Erin Stewart said Saturday.

The suspect was not immediately identified.

Firefighters were called to put out two fires at a synagogue and a church in New Britain about 45 minutes apart, and a burglar alarm was set off at a third church on Friday night.

On Saturday, a longtime member of Tephareth Israel Synagogue at 76 Winter St. said the fire is a blow to a synagogue that has been dealing with dwindling membership in recent years.

"I'm very sad about it," Michele Joyce, who has been a member since the 1950s, said. "I don't know the extent of the damage, but at this point, it sounds extensive. I don't know what the actual long-term fate of the building will be at this point."

Joyce said she has strong connections to the orthodox synagogue, built in 1926. Her grandparents were early members, and, as a little girl, Joyce said she remembers another fire at the synagogue in the early 1960s.

"It was devastating then, and now, again," Joyce said.

The first call to the fire department came in at 8:05 p.m. from the synagogue. Forty-five minutes later, the second fire was discovered at St. Matthew's

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State probes utilities' actions

State regulators are investigating payment demands by Eversource Energy and United Illuminating of consumers and wage garnishments the utilities obtained during the pandemic. **SUNDAY CT, PAGE 1**

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Battle-tested Huskies seeking deep NCAA Tournament run

Dom Amore

NEW YORK — Dan Hurley's Huskies are back with another ticket to the NCAA Tournament, a year older, a year wiser, battle tested and better prepared for the Madness that lies ahead.

That was the prevailing thought after the UConn men's basketball

team left Madison Square Garden, defeated by Villanova, but far from beaten down after losing in the Big East men's basketball tournament semifinals, with its one-of-a-kind electricity restored. It's time to raise the bar.

"I said to Danny when we shook hands, 'All I can say is you're going to make a great run in this [NCAA] tournament,'" Villanova coach Jay

Wright said Friday after his 63-60 victory. "Because [UConn] is a great team. They're an outstanding team, extremely well-coached. They can beat anybody in the country. They're going to make a run in the NCAA Tournament."

Wright, who has led Villanova to a pair of national championships,

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"We're not going to let this break us," Tyrese Martin said after UConn's loss to Villanova on Friday night. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

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knows how it's done and knows a contender when he sees one. He has seen the Huskies three times, beating them decisively in Philadelphia on Feb. 5, losing at the XL Center two weeks later when Hurley got ejected and the Huskies staged a last-ditch comeback, and beating them in Madison Square Garden, where 19,812 fans kept a sustained roar throughout a game as tense as it was intense.

The Wildcats, ranked eighth in the country, never led by more than eight. UConn, No. 20, never led by more than four. The lead changed hands 15 times, the game was tied seven times. The margin for error was so narrow, any little thing could've swung it.

UConn was 8-for-13 from the free-throw line, Villanova 7 for 8. A tough basket from Villanova's Jordan Longino at the end of the shot clock with 5:55 to go was a killer. So was a lost 3-pointer in the first half by UConn's Tyler Polley, who stepped out of bounds, or an offensive foul call on R.J. Cole at the very end of the half, a call over which UConn's volcanic coach nearly erupted.

This is how close the basketball is in the Big East, the razor's edge between playing for the championship, as Villanova and Creighton did on Saturday night, or going home after the semis, as UConn is doing



Coach Dan Hurley and his players — including Adamo Sanogo, from left, R.J. Cole and Tyrese Martin — are battle tested for the NCAA Tournament, after playing through the pressure of the Big East tournament in New York. The Huskies lost to Villanova in the semifinals 63-60 on Friday. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

for the second year in a row, to watch the NCAA Selection Show.

But this is a conference and a conference tournament experience that can harden a team, temper its nerves like steel.

"We're playing to get to the championship game, so we had no other option but to leave everything out there," said UConn's Tyrese Martin, who scored 19 points. "I feel like we did

that and we just came up short. We're going to play a lot of teams of that caliber [in the NCAA]. In order to go deep, we'll have to win those games. We can't let this break us right here. We've just got to learn from it, see what we can do better so we can make a great run in March."

Great runs in March were the rule, not the exception for this program between 1990 and 2016, a

period that included four national championships. The Huskies, after three losing seasons in a row, and a five-year stretch without an NCAA bid, have made a gradual but steady climb back to national relevance.

"It's a group that has reigned [the program]," Hurley said. "Last year, we did a lot to take a step. This group has taken the next step, even though we lost at the same point. Just what they've

done to revitalize the fan base, from the beginning of the regular season through tonight. It's tough at a place like UConn, and you come up short and you don't cut down nets. We've just got to shift our mind and get ready next week to try to make a run in the best tournament in sports."

A year ago, UConn lost to Creighton in the semifinals of the Big East Tournament with The Garden

nearly empty due to COVID-19 restrictions, and ended up with a No. 8 seed in the NCAA Tournament, a tough draw against Maryland. UConn didn't make it past the first round.

This year, the Huskies (23-9) are in far better shape, likely to be a No. 5 seed when the brackets are revealed Sunday night, a much more favorable draw. And unlike last year, when the team's fortunes revolved around James Bouknight, now in the NBA, there is no such dependence.

Back in the Big East, UConn's first tournament appearance in the Garden post-pandemic, this group has gained experience playing under the brightest lights, beating Seton Hall and holding its own against Villanova. There was disappointment, but every reason to look ahead with confidence and expect more. Returning to the tournament last year established a baseline; the next level is a ride to the Sweet 16.

"We'll be in a better position than we were last year," Hurley said. "We're more well-rounded. The growth in Andre [Jackson's] game, Adam [Sanogo] has been a monster almost the entire year minus just a couple of games, R.J. has played at a very high level, Tyrese, this is a really formidable team. You hope your draw provides you with good matchups."

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Fires

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Lutheran Church at 95 Franklin Square.

A burglary alarm then went off at St. Joseph, a Catholic church at 195 South Main St.

St. Matthew's could not be reached for comment Saturday.

Stewart said Friday damage was "fairly exten-

sive" at the synagogue but minimal at St. Matthew's and nothing was found in a police sweep at St. Joseph.

No one was injured in any of the fires, Stewart said.

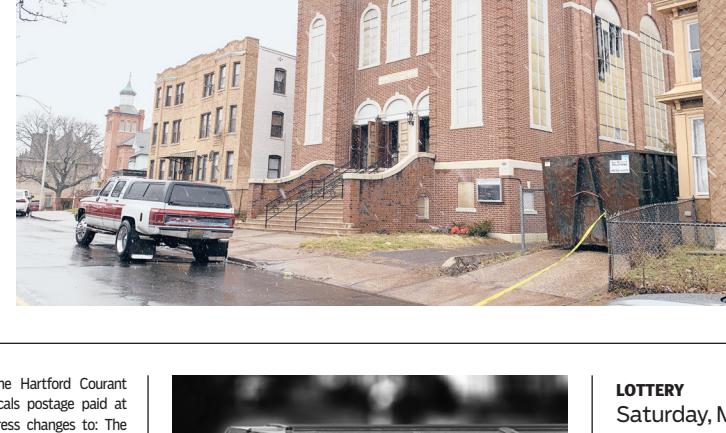
Stewart said the damage at the synagogue was in the front of the building.

"There's holes in the floor. It's gone all the way up the wall," she said. "There is extensive damage, structural damage to the floors."

She added that each church in town would be checked by New Britain police Friday night and that there would be extra security at local churches for services this weekend.

"We want people to feel safe coming into services on Sunday so our police will have a presence," Stewart said.

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The morning after Friday's fire at Tephareth Israel Synagogue on Winter Street in New Britain there was still a heavy police and fire presence. Damage to one of the windows on the side of the building is visible. **KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT**

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PLAY3 DAY

5 3 5 WB: 7

PLAY4 DAY

8 4 9 6 WB: 9

The late numbers were not drawn in time for this edition. For results, please visit courant.com/lottery.

FRIDAY'S LATE NUMBERS

PLAY3 NIGHT

3 9 1 WB: 3

PLAY4 NIGHT

8 0 1 2 WB: 8

CASH 5

8 21 26 27 32

LUCKY FOR LIFE

9 22 29 30 47 LB: 10

LOTTO

5 26 29 38 39 42

Zero first-prize ticket(s) sold.

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24 28 39 44 66 MB: 25 MP: 3

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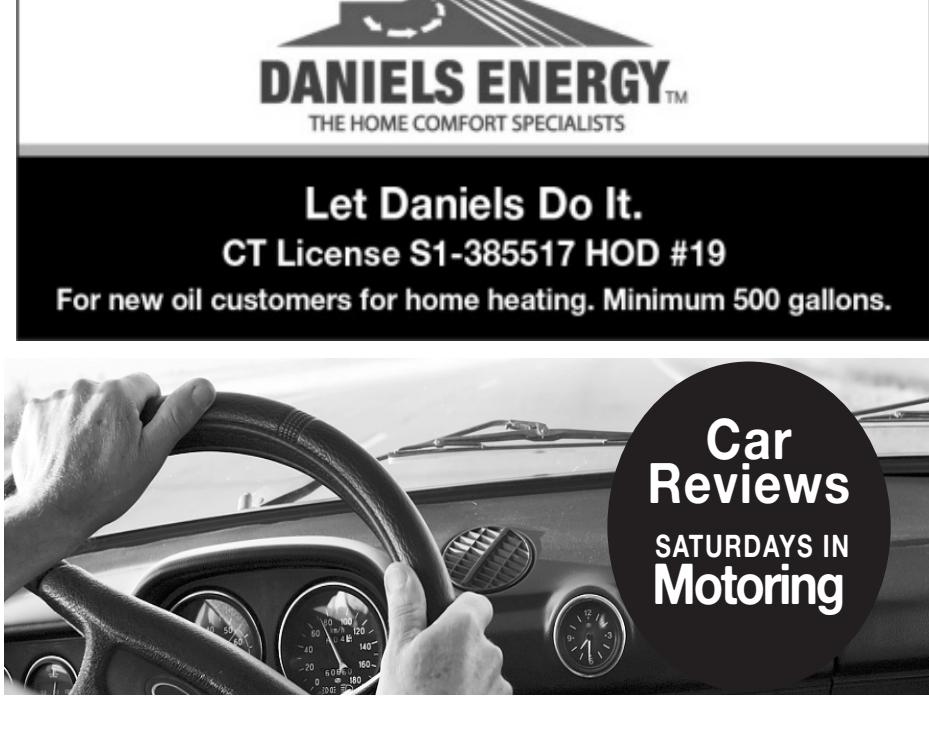
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ANALYSIS

Zelenskyy plays the role of his life

Ukraine's leader uses on-camera skills to rally country, world

By James Poniewozik
The New York Times

Shortly after his surprise election as the president of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy has become a Pygmalion-like make-over and an introduction to his retinue of staff. There is his stylist. There is his psychologist. There is his "personal motivator." And there is ... himself?

An identical, slightly cross-eyed version of Holoborodko stands before him. It's your body double, the prime minister explains. He's available to appear at ceremonies, to meet with foreign dignitaries ... or to take a sniper's bullet. Of course, the prime minister adds, it probably won't come to that.

Holoborodko is the character played by Volodymyr Zelenskyy in "Servant of the People," the Ukrainian TV satire that debuted in 2015 and set up Zelenskyy, in 2019, to be elected president of Ukraine in real life. Since the Russian invasion, the series has

been picked up to air in several countries; subtitled episodes are available on YouTube.

To watch it now is to experience, like Holoborodko, a chilling sense of double vision.

There, on one screen, is Zelenskyy confronting the prospect of assassination for laughs. And there — on TV news, on monitors before world leaders and in his handmade videos from war-torn Kyiv — is the real man in real life, staring down real headaches.

Americans, of course, know a thing or two about electing presidents who have played leaders on TV. Reality does not always measure up to the prime-time myth.

But as Zelenskyy has used his on-camera skill to rally his country and the world, he hasn't just imitated his art. He's improved on it.

More satirical than "The West Wing," less caustic than "Veep," with higher stakes than in "Parks and Recreation," "Servant of the People" is a what-if fable about an ordinary citizen vaulted into power. Holoborodko, a history teacher, is caught on camera ranting about the country's rampant corruption and cynicism.

"I wish every common teacher lived like a president," he storms. "I wish every president lived like a teacher!"

The video goes viral, and Holoborodko wins the election in a landslide. Suddenly he is a teacher living like a president, with all the job's headaches.

Much of "Servant" is broad and slapstick; in one scene, the president scampers Marx Brothers-style around the executive offices as a Swedish banker chases him for a loan repayment.

But "Servant of the People" is also stranger and more profound than its fish-out-of-water premise suggests. It's insightful about the pressures on a fledgling democracy with more-powerful neighbors. While Russia is not central to the plot, consciousness of it is everywhere. Holoborodko's trick for getting a raucous audience's attention is to yell, "(Russian President Vladimir) Putin has been overthrown!"

Ultimately, Zelenskyy's show is an argument about the true source of political legitimacy. In its perhaps idealistic telling, power comes from being proximate to the people, not elevated above them. It comes not from

being invincible but from knowing people's precarity and sharing in their inconveniences. After his election, the new president continues living in his parents' cramped flat.

Zelenskyy ran for president in a social-media-savvy campaign so tightly bound up with his fictional persona that his political party was also called "Servant of the People." Like Holoborodko, he was, before the war, criticized as being in over his head.

But through the lens of his show, which argues that good leaders should share their citizens' experiences, his response to the attack has seemed almost inevitable.

Zelenskyy's appearances throughout the war, from handmade videos to interviews, have had a personal feel. He wears fatigues, not a suit. This tells his people that he knows what they're going through, and it reminds Western leaders that they can scarcely imagine what he's going through.

Now he finds himself opposed to a larger world power, not only on the battlefield but also in the mediasphere, the one place where he has air superiority.

Over the decades, Putin has also played a character in the media, one that embodies very different ideas: strength and authority. He has been photographed riding horseback, shirtless. He has posed riding a motorcycle and doing judo and going spearfishing.

The pandemic, however, isolated and changed Putin, and his imagery changed with it.

Ultimately, Putin made himself a pariah not through his pictures but through his actions. Still, set-designing himself as a Bond villain hasn't helped. It is a contest that Russia seems to know it is losing. Russia's foreign minister, Sergey Lavrov, complained that his country was facing a "Hollywood" narrative of "absolute evil and absolute good."

In the case of Ukraine, Zelenskyy has personalized the struggle between liberal democracy and authoritarianism in the contrast between himself and Putin and pushed the world to choose a side. Could a different leader have done this? We may never be able to prove whether a sitcom changed world history. But certainly Zelenskyy the performer has given Zelenskyy the president some of his most powerful weapons.

Parkville

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nology," Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said. "We want young people to know that. We want young people to see it. We want to connect these young people to these tech jobs in this core industry in our community."

While the plan rests heavily on encouraging innovation, it also seeks to create a walkable neighborhood with new housing and after-hours dining and entertainment, all aimed at revitalizing a long impoverished area of the city.

The push for the district comes from a coalition of the city, public and private funding agencies, nonprofits, colleges and private sector employers.

New Britain-based Stanley Black & Decker, the tool and equipment storage maker, has helped lead the effort, contributing \$5 million to attract another \$20 million from a private investor.

Redevelopment efforts in Parkville are underway, but achieving the broader vision will depend heavily on winning the state grant. Decisions are expected in late spring.

If successful, Bartholomew Street — considered the "spine" of the new district — could see a building that once turned out steel tubing for Columbia bicycles become co-working and incubator space fostering digital technology.

Another structure — a long-abandoned boiler building that once supplied neighborhood manufacturers — would become a center for workforce training.

And there would be new construction: apartments and a 352-space parking garage on a parking lot near the corner of Bartholomew Avenue and Park Street. The garage would help ease a lack of parking options.

'It's something big and bad'

At the southern end of Bartholomew, entrepreneur and developer Bob Hussain and his family hope the historic but decaying Hanson-Whitney Co. factory will become an important cog in the new district.

Hussain, a former pharmacist from Ridgefield, has been buying and rehabilitating blighted residential and mixed-use structures in Hartford for nearly two decades. He bought the factory building last year in a tax deed sale, and a renovation would be his largest in the city.

Visible from I-84, the 90,000-square-foot structure was on the city's list of most troubled buildings.

The structure and property were used for illegal dumping, with between 80 to 100 dumpsters of trash already removed from the site, Hussain said. Stolen cars turned up there, some of them having been torched, he said.

The city considers the factory the right fit for small and mid-size companies that want to expand. The property also is adjacent to former metal scrapyard acquired by the city last year, where an industrial park for advanced manufacturing could be built.

Hussain sees beyond the broken windows, rotting floorboards and leaks from the ceiling to the strong underlying structure. During a tour, there is the sound of dripping water as snow melts off the roof.

"It's something big and bad," Hussain said. "Not bad-bad. This is a beautiful building. It doesn't look



This rendering shows how the former factory and office space at 237 Hamilton St. in Hartford's Parkville would look after a renovation. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD



This former boiler house, used as a billboard for the long-closed Spaghetti Warehouse restaurant, would be converted into collaborative workspace by Hands On Hartford, a social services nonprofit. KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT

that way now, but it is beautiful."

Cutting-edge co-working space

Hartford's plans for Parkville have attracted the attention of DISTRICT, a cutting-edge co-working and digital incubation space in New Haven.

If state funding is secured, DISTRICT would lead the redevelopment of the factory that once produced steel bicycle tubing and now is owned by a specialty packing and boxing company.

David Salinas, DISTRICT's founder, said the idea behind DISTRICT for competing with tech giants in Silicon Valley means more than offering money to attract the best talent.

"So then how do you present the amenities that they do?" Salinas said. "How do you present the food options that they do? The only way to do that is in a shared, communal environment of like-minded people. That is key."

Salinas said the plans for Parkville have many of the right components, including varied ways of getting around: highway, CTfastrak, bus, bicycle and by foot.

The city has negotiated an option to purchase the building for \$1.2 million, contingent on winning the grant.

"The ecosystem that is being designed and presented in this area of Parkville is something that we are excited about," Salinas said. "We can be a big part of it."

Jobs that pay a living wage

The plans for the district also include proposals for housing targeted to low- and moderate-income individuals and families, plus workforce development programs.

Hands On Hartford, a social services nonprofit that moved to Bartholomew Street six years ago, would be involved in two projects: construction of new affordable rental units and creation of job training programs and collaborative workspace.

Barbara A. Shaw, the nonprofit's executive director, said the population served by Hands on Hartford needs "safe affordable homes, access to transportation, and the training and skills to get jobs that pay a living wage."

"We want them to have the opportunity to have successful careers, and this development gives us the opportunity to be part of a long-term solution to the economic challenges faced by too many of our neighbors," Shaw said.

Here is a property-by-property look at what is proposed for the Parkville Arts & Innovation District:

1. 17-35 Bartholomew Ave.

Owner: Carlos A. Mouta
Developers: Carlos A. Mouta, Hands On Hartford/Hartford Parking Authority

Previous use: Surface Parking Lot

Planned use: A five-story, 57-unit apartment building with storefront space on the ground level would replace the parking lot. Of the total units, 17 will be "affordable," with five units reserved for people transitioning from homelessness. The housing would be wrapped around a 352-space parking garage, designed with a pedestrian bridge linking it to the nearby CTfastrak station.

Total project cost: Apartments: \$14 million (Innovation grant funds: \$6 million). Parking garage, \$14 million (Innovation

grant funds: \$6.5 million). Completion: Apartments, fall of 2024; parking garage in winter of 2025

Powerhouse Building

Address: 45 Bartholomew Ave.
Year built: 1912

Owner/developer: Hands On Hartford Inc.

Previous use: Boiler house for Hartford Rubber Works Co.; Billboard for Spaghetti Warehouse restaurant.

Planned use: A "collaborative center" of 33,200 square feet to be called "The Powerhouse," which would develop digital and innovation skills. Project is in partnership with Girls for Technology, Launc[H] and Trinity College.

Total project cost: (environmental clean-up): \$15.5 million

Innovation grant funds: \$12 million

Completion Date: Spring 2025

Aerospace Metals Inc.

Address: 173 Bartholomew Ave.

Year built: 1919

Owner/developer: RGH Bartholomew LLC

Previous use: Machinery manufacturing

Planned use: Expansion space for small and medium-size businesses encompassing 89,000 square feet.

Total project cost: \$28.4 million

Innovation grant funding: \$4.2 million

Completion: Spring 2025

Parkville Market

Address: 1390-1400 Park St. and 1420 Park St.

Year built: 1965

Owner/developer: Carlos A. Mouta

Planned Use: The Parkville Market food hall is expanding into a second phase including entertainment and event space. A craft brewery and outdoor patio is planned at 1420 Park St.

Total project: \$4.6 million

Innovation grant funding: \$0

Completion: Spring 2023

Hartford Rubber Works Co. Building

Address: 1429 Park St.

Year built: 1900

Owner/developer: 1429 Park Street LLC

Planned use: Already the location of entrepreneurial incubator reSet, a brewery and loft apartments, the building needs renovations and improvements to make a statement as the "gateway" to the arts and innovation district.

Total project cost: \$1 million

Innovation grant funds: \$1 million

Completion: Fall 2022

Real Art Ways

Address: 56 Arbor St.

Year built: 1917

Owner/developer: Real Art Ways

Planned use: Real Art Ways is planning a significant expansion, including the addition of three movie screens, dedicated space for the performing arts and a new cafe.

Total project cost: \$19.6 million

Innovation grant funds: \$2.8 million

Completion: Fall 2023

SOURCES: Parkville Arts & Innovation District innovation corridor application; Hartford assessor cards; Parkville Historic District survey, 2015.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Congress pushes Biden on Ukraine

President says US allies must first all agree on tactics

By Lisa Mascaro

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At first, the White House resisted calls from Congress to ban Russian oil imports to the U.S. And then, it did just that.

The administration hit the brakes on legislation that would have revoked Russia's normal trade status, until President Joe Biden announced the move Friday.

The administration persuaded senators to hold off on imposing Russian sanctions, then slapped stiff sanctions itself.

It rejected efforts in Congress to stop the Nord Stream 2 energy pipeline, then led allies in halting it.

"What do all those things have in common?" Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, asked after reciting a similar list.

"In each of those cases, the administration said no," until lawmakers from both political parties put pressure on the White House to change course. "And in each case, the administration did a 180."

It's an emerging pattern that has not gone unnoticed during the escalating war in Ukraine: A remarkably unified Congress is out front on foreign policy, pressuring Biden to go further and faster with a U.S. response to a devastating conflict with no clear endgame in sight.

Lawmakers from both parties are pushing the president to act more swiftly and forcefully to stop Russian President Vladimir Putin's



Statues are wrapped Saturday at the Saints Peter and Paul Garrison Church in Lviv, Ukraine. DAN KITWOOD/GETTY

invasion. The result has been a rare, mostly unified resolve from the legislative branch, which is leaving an imprint on executive branch decision-making.

"We've seen that with this president time and time and time again, where he says, 'We can't do this,'" said Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, a combat veteran. "Then he reverses course."

Now, Ernst and other members of Congress are pushing the Biden administration to reconsider sending Polish warplanes that Ukrainian pilots could fly in their fight against the

Russian attacks.

More than 40 Republican senators signed onto a letter imploring Biden to reverse course after the Pentagon rejected an offer from Poland to transfer the Soviet-era MiGs to Ukraine. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy pleaded with Congress last weekend that if the U.S. was unwilling to impose a no-fly zone, it should at least send the planes and other air support.

"Send these MiGs," said Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah.

The administration had indicated it supported NATO ally Poland sending

its planes to Ukraine, but then slammed the door on Poland's surprise offer to instead send the planes to a U.S. base in Germany for transfer to Ukraine. Military leaders deemed it too risky. They worried such a move would unduly provoke Putin, and argued that other weaponry may be more effective than the jets.

"There is bipartisan support to provide these planes," said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., during a Foreign Relations Committee hearing Thursday with administration officials. "It is disappointing to see the

reluctance on the part of the administration, and it's coming across as indecision and bickering."

On Saturday, the White House approved an additional \$200 million in arms and equipment for Ukraine, administration officials said, responding to urgent requests from Zelenskyy for more aid.

The latest arms package, which officials say includes Javelin anti-tank missiles and Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, follows a \$350 million arms package the Biden administration approved last month.

Altogether, the administration has sent \$1.2 billion in weapons to Ukraine in the past year, officials said.

The steady drumbeat from Congress in recent weeks can be viewed as both a criticism of the White House response, but also an approving nod signaling to the Biden administration how far lawmakers are willing to go to support Ukraine.

Biden has made it clear there will be no direct U.S. confrontation with Russia. But the president acknowledged Friday that he has asked the Congress to hold off at times, particularly on the new trade status for Russia, "until I could line up all of our key allies to keep us in complete unison."

Biden has been wary of having the U.S. front a response to Russia alone, and instead has assembled an impressive Western alliance, bolstering NATO and drawing in Asian countries with a common purpose unseen in a generation.

"Unity among our allies is critically important, as you all know, from my perspective, at least," Biden said Friday.

Later, he told House Democrats at their annual retreat that he knows he has frustrated them at times over the response to Ukraine. But more important than moving quickly, he said, was keeping the allies together. He spoke in particular about the work he did on the Russian energy ban with the Europeans, who are more dependent on Russian oil. "It took a long time," he explained.

The New York Times contributed.

Russian footholds in Africa, Mideast a long-term threat

Putin is working to court leaders US and Europe spurned

By Ellen Knickmeyer and Zeina Karam

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine dominates world attention. But with less global scrutiny, Putin is also busy advancing Russia's presence in the Middle East and Africa — an expansion that military and civilian leaders view as another, if less immediate, threat to security in the West.

Putin's strategy in the Mideast and Africa has been simple, and successful: He seeks out security alliances with autocrats, coup leaders, and others who have been spurned or neglected by the U.S. and Europe, either because of their bloody abuses or because of competing Western strategic interests.

■ In Syria, Russia's defense minister last month showed off nuclear-capable bombers and hypersonic missiles over the Mediterranean, part of a security partnership that now has the Kremlin threatening to send Syrian fighters to Ukraine.

■ In Sudan, a leader of a

junta that's seized power in that East African country has a new economic alliance with the Kremlin, reviving Russia's dreams of a naval base on the Red Sea.

■ In Mali, the government is the latest of more than a dozen resource-rich African nations to forge security alliances with Kremlin-allied mercenaries, according to U.S. officials.

Especially in the last five or six years, "what you've seen is a Russia that is much more expeditionary and casting its military power further and wider afield," said retired U.S. Gen. Philip Breedlove, the top NATO commander from 2013 through 2016, and now a distinguished chair at the Middle East Institute think tank in Washington.

But with Putin's hands full battling the resistance from a much weaker Ukrainian military, experts view his expansionist goals as a potential long-term threat, not a present danger to Europe or NATO.

"It's threatening NATO from below," Kristina Kausch, a European security expert at the German Marshall Fund think tank, said of the leverage Russia is gaining. "The Russians have felt encircled by NATO — and now they want to encircle

NATO," she said.

To achieve its strategic aims, Russia provides conventional military or Kremlin-allied mercenaries to protect the regimes of often outcast leaders. In return, Russia is repaid with cash or natural resources, influence in their affairs, and staging grounds for Russian fighters.

Russia's new partnerships also aid it diplomatically. When the U.N. General Assembly condemned Putin's Ukraine invasion this month, Syria joined Russia in voting against, and many of the African governments that have signed security deals with Russian mercenaries abstained.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Friday that Russia would bring recruits from Syria to fight in Ukraine.

The threat was seen primarily as an intimidation tactic and U.S. officials say there's been no sign of Syrian recruits in Ukraine. Some security experts say Russian mercenaries are using Mali as a staging ground for deployment to Ukraine, but U.S. officials have not confirmed these reports.

Perhaps the boldest example of Russia flexing its global reach was when it sent defense minister Sergei



In Sudan, a junta that's seized power has an economic alliance with the Kremlin, which could give Russia a role in key shipping lanes. Above, a Russian warship is docked in Port Sudan. AP 2021

Shoigu last month to Damascus to oversee Russia's largest military drills in the Mediterranean since the Cold War, just as Russia's military made final preparations for its assault on Ukraine.

Russia's Hmeimeem air base on Syria's Mediterranean coast has served as its main outpost for launching attacks in Syria since September 2015. Russia's attacks in Syria allowed President Bashar Assad's brutal government to reclaim control over most of the country after a devastating civil war.

In Africa, Russia is open to working with leaders known for anti-democratic actions and abuses of human rights. On the eve of Russia's invasion with Ukraine, Kremlin officials met with an officer of a military junta that seized power in Sudan.

Isolated by the West, Gen. Mohamed Hamdan Dagolo warmly responded to Russia's overture of a new economic-focused alliance. Upon returning home, Dagolo announced that Sudan would be open to allowing Russia to build

its long-hoped-for naval base on the Red Sea.

It's far from certain that Russia would be able to take advantage anytime soon. The Ukraine invasion is straining its military and financial resources and showing Russia's military weaknesses.

But a Red Sea port could help give it a greater role in the Mediterranean and Black Sea, increase Russian access in the Suez Canal and other key shipping lanes, and allow Russia to project force in the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean.

US sends more troops to Europe in support role

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — U.S. soldiers continued to deploy to Europe, joining thousands already sent overseas to support NATO allies amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

About 130 soldiers from the 87th Division Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Division Sustainment Brigade, lined up Friday with rucksacks inside a terminal at Hunter Airfield in Savannah before marching outside and boarding

their chartered flight. Republican U.S. Rep. Earl "Buddy" Carter, of Pooler, Georgia, was among those in attendance. He was seen fist-bumping many of the soldiers as they boarded the plane.

The battalion's soldiers are in addition to the estimated 3,800 soldiers from the Army's 3rd Infantry Division who have deployed in recent weeks from nearby Fort Stewart, said Lt. Col. Lindsey Elder, the division's spokesperson.

Spec. Danton Belucio, of Orlando, Florida, has served in the Army for three years. Belucio said he looked forward to his first deployment.

"It makes me feel like I'm helping somebody," he said. Maj. Gen. Charles Costanza, the 3rd Infantry's commander, said recently that soldiers are being told to prepare for six months overseas, though deployments could be lengthened or shortened per developments in Ukraine.



Soldiers and command staffers bump fists at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia. STEPHEN B. MORTON/AP

The Pentagon has ordered roughly 12,000 total service members from various U.S. bases to Europe, with a couple of thousand more already stationed abroad shifting to other European countries.

The soldiers' mission is to train alongside military units of NATO allies in a display of force aimed at deterring further aggression by Russia. The Pentagon has stressed U.S. forces are not being deployed to fight in Ukraine.

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CDC: Unaccompanied child migrants will be able to seek US asylum

From news services

in office.

Prominent Democrats and advocacy groups have been pressing to end Title 42 for all migrants.

"It is not a humane or effective solution to securing our border," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., tweeted Friday.

Outbreak surges in China: Two mayors have been dismissed in northeastern China, and Shanghai has closed its school system and shifted to online instruction, as a coronavirus outbreak in mainland China gathers speed.

China's National Health Commission announced Saturday that another 1,524 locally transmitted coronavirus cases had been detected in provinces across mainland China. That was up from 1,100 cases reported a day earlier, and a couple hundred cases per day a week ago.

The mayors of Jilin City and the Jiutai district of the city of Changchun have both been dismissed, the state-run Xinhua news agency announced Saturday, without specifying exactly when the dismissals had happened. Both places have had expanding outbreaks.

Jilin City has an urban population of 1.8 million, while the mostly rural Jiutai district has 760,000 residents. Changchun, which has 9 million people, was placed under partial lockdown Friday.

Mass execution: Saudi Arabia on Saturday executed 81 people convicted of crimes ranging from killings to belonging to militant groups, the largest known mass execution carried out in the kingdom in its modern history.

It wasn't clear why the kingdom choose Saturday for the executions, though

Ararat Mirzoyan met with his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu, on



Grateful to be alive: A migrant hugs a non-governmental organization employee as he disembarks a rescue boat Saturday at the Port of Augusta, Sicily, after being rescued at sea. It was reported that the NGO rescued 28 migrants from Africa some 45 nautical miles from the Libyan coast. **ANDONI LUBAKI/AP**

they came as much of the world's attention remained focused on Russia's war on Ukraine.

The state-run Saudi Press Agency announced the executions, saying they included those "convicted of various crimes, including the murdering of innocent men, women and children."

The kingdom also said some of those executed were members of al-Qaida, the Islamic State group and also backers of Yemen's Houthi rebels. The report did not say where the executions took place.

Turkey, Armenia talk: Turkey and Armenia have agreed to press ahead with efforts to establish diplomatic relations "without conditions" and continue normalization efforts that could lead to the reopening of their shared borders for trade, their foreign ministers said Saturday.

Ararat Mirzoyan met with his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu, on

the sidelines of a diplomacy forum in Antalya, Turkey.

Mirzoyan said he welcomed Turkey's invitation to the forum "as a positive signal" for improved relations between the two countries.

Turkey, a close ally of Azerbaijan, shut its border with Armenia in 1993 in a show of solidarity with Baku, which was locked in a conflict with Armenia over Nagorno-Karabakh.

In 2020, Turkey strongly backed Azerbaijan in the six-week conflict with Armenia over Nagorno-Karabakh, which ended with a Russia-brokered peace deal.

Turkey and Armenia also have longstanding hostility over the deaths of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians in massacres, deportations and forced marches that began in 1915 in Ottoman Turkey.

Turkmenistan election: Citizens in Turkmenistan voted Saturday in an election that

could mark the beginning of a political dynasty for the Central Asian nation's sitting president.

President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov, 64, announced the vote last month, setting the stage for his 40-year old son Serdar to take over. Preliminary results are expected Sunday, but few doubt that the president's son will win by a landslide.

Serdar Berdymukhamedov has risen through a series of increasingly prominent government posts and most recently has served as the country's deputy prime minister, answering directly to his father.

Activist arrested: Far-right activist Ammon Bundy has been arrested after refusing to leave a hospital in connection with a child-welfare case, police said Saturday.

Bundy was arrested at about 1:15 a.m. on suspicion of misdemeanor trespassing at St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center in Meridian, west

of Boise, the Idaho Statesman reported.

Bundy, a gubernatorial candidate in Idaho, is well-known for participating in armed standoffs with law enforcement, notably at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon in 2016, which left one man dead, and on federal land near his family's ranch in Nevada in 2014.

He's also scheduled to stand trial this week on three charges from a previous trespassing case at the Idaho Capitol.

The arrest Saturday concerned a 10-month-old determined to be "suffering from severe malnourishment" and at risk of injury or death, the Meridian Police Department said in a news release.

The baby's parents had refused to let officers check on its welfare after the family canceled an appointment.

Bundy urged his followers to go to the hospital to support the family.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia continues to assault cities

Zelenskyy: Invaders are now employing 'new stage of terror'

By Mstyslav Chernov and Yuras Karmanau
Associated Press

MARIUPOL, Ukraine — Russian forces pounded the Ukrainian port city of Mariupol on Saturday, shelling its downtown as residents hid in an iconic mosque and elsewhere to avoid the explosions. Fighting also raged in the outskirts of the capital, Kyiv, as Russia kept up its bombardment of other cities throughout the country.

Mariupol has endured some of Ukraine's worst punishment since Russia invaded Feb. 24. Unceasing barrages have thwarted repeated attempts to bring food, water and medicine into the city of 430,000 and to evacuate its trapped civilians.

More than 1,500 people have died in Mariupol during the siege, according to the mayor's office, and the shelling has even interrupted efforts to bury the dead in mass graves.

Meanwhile, talks aimed at reaching a cease-fire again failed Saturday as Russian President Vladimir Putin laid out terms for ending the war, including Ukraine's demilitarization and its



Civilians learn how to handle rifles in a classroom Saturday in Lutsk, Ukraine.
BRENDAN HOFFMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

ceding of territory. Putin also threatened to seize the assets of U.S. and Western companies that have announced they are leaving Russia over the invasion.

For his part, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused Russia of employing "a new stage of terror" with the alleged detention of a mayor from a city west of Mariupol, and once again deplored NATO's refusal to declare a no-fly zone over Ukraine.

Outside Mariupol, Russian soldiers pillaged a humanitarian convoy that was trying

to reach the city and blocked another, a Ukrainian official said. Ukraine's military said Russian forces captured Mariupol's eastern outskirts, tightening their siege of the strategic port.

"They are bombing it (Mariupol) 24 hours a day, launching missiles. It is hatred. They kill children," Zelenskyy said during a video address.

Satellite images released Saturday by the company Maxar showed fires in parts of the city and extensive damage to apartments, homes and other infrastruc-

ture.

The Ukrainian government said Saturday that the Sultan Suleiman Mosque was hit, but an unverified Instagram post by a man claiming to be the mosque association's president said the building was spared.

In Irpin, about 12 miles northwest of Kyiv, bodies lay out in the open Saturday on streets and in a park.

"When I woke up in the morning, everything was covered in smoke, everything was dark. We don't know who is shooting and where," resident Serhy

Protsenko said as he walked through his neighborhood and as explosions sounded in the distance.

Zelenskyy on Saturday reported that 1,300 Ukrainian soldiers had died since the Russian invasion began.

The president again slammed NATO's refusal to declare a no-fly zone over Ukraine and said Ukraine has sought ways to procure air defense assets, though he didn't elaborate.

Zelenskyy also accused Russia of detaining the mayor of Melitopol, a city 119 miles west of Mariupol. After residents of the occupied city demonstrated for the mayor's release Saturday, the Ukrainian leader called on Russian forces to heed the calls.

In multiple areas around

Kyiv, artillery barrages sent residents scurrying for shelter as air raid sirens wailed.

Britain's Defense Ministry said Russian forces that had been massed north of the capital had edged to within 15 miles of the city center and spread out.

Ukraine's military and volunteer forces have been preparing for an all-out assault on the capital. Zelenskyy said Saturday that Russia would need to carpet-bomb Kyiv and kill its residents to take the city.

"They will come here only if they kill us all," he said. "If

that is their goal, let them come."

Meanwhile, French and German leaders spoke Saturday with Putin in a failed attempt to reach a cease-fire.

In a 90-minute call with French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Putin spoke about "issues related to agreements under discussion to implement the Russian demands" for ending the war, the Kremlin said without providing details.

Zelenskyy told Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett on Saturday that he would be open to meeting Putin in Jerusalem to discuss an end to the war, but that there would first have to be a cease-fire.

Bennett recently met in Moscow with Putin, who has ignored previous offers of talks from Zelenskyy.

A senior Russian diplomat also warned that Moscow could attack foreign shipments of military equipment to Ukraine.

Speaking Saturday, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said Moscow has warned the United States "that pumping weapons from a number of countries it orchestrates isn't just a dangerous move — it's an action that makes those convoys legitimate targets."

Care

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health care for her son. With the combination of his learning disability and his experience of the alleged sexual assault, Brian required an extended high level of support. But Jessica said she found it extraordinarily difficult to obtain. Fifteen months later, he is still without regular, intensive care.

The mother is not alone in her struggle.

Two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut faces a deepening crisis in children's mental health care, according to multiple experts and lawmakers. Emerging from a tumultuous period of limited social contact, educational disruption, disease and death, many children in Connecticut are in distress — and with more severe symptoms than ever, experts say.

But providers throughout the state, from large hospital systems to community programs, say they are understaffed and stretched thin, often overwhelmed by surging demand. Meanwhile, structural issues involving how behavioral health care is insured and paid for can create barriers to access, obstructing families in desperate need of services. In recent months, the state legislature has made addressing the crisis a priority.

"There is no question that there are many, many children who have need for treatment and support that they cannot access because they lack adequate coverage, or now, because they have the adequate coverage, but there's no way to get the service," Connecticut's child advocate Sarah Eagan has said.

A month after Brian's disclosure, the relative was arrested by local police in Connecticut and allegedly confessed to having had repeated sexual contact with Brian, police records show. The individual currently faces multiple felony counts of sexual contact and assault in a case that remains pre-trial.

For Jessica, the arrest brought relief, but little closure. As she attempted to help her son, she encountered waitlists and insurance coverage denials, as have many other Connecticut families who are seeking behavioral health care during the pandemic. When she did manage to enroll Brian in promising programs, they ended after a few weeks. It could feel like being trapped on a merry-go-round of referrals.

Without consistent care, she cobbled together what she could. In the past year, Brian has attended an intensive outpatient program, an extended day program and



Brian (a pseudonym) requires extended behavioral health support after a learning disability diagnosis and alleged sexual abuse by a relative. But his mother has struggled for more than a year to secure consistent care. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

a partial hospitalization program, health records and medical bills show. He has received trauma-focused therapy and multi-systemic therapy. He has been taken to the emergency department six times. Through it all, he has not had a consistent psychiatrist for more than two months.

"You're dealing with all this trauma and then you have to deal with the logistics of calling people and shopping around for your son's medication to stabilize him — while working full time," Jessica said. "It's horrifying."

Fractured system

Connecticut's behavioral health system had a "shaky foundation" long before 2020, said Dr. Linda Mayes, the director of the Yale Child Study Center and a professor of child psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine. But when the pandemic arrived, it was as if a hundred people crowded into a house built on that shaky foundation, all at once.

In Connecticut and nationwide, parents like Jessica who seek care for their children can become entrapped in a complex web of issues. The behavioral health workforce is significantly strained, as providers struggle to attract and retain employees and have to meet increased demand with fewer staffers. Meanwhile, experts and providers say, lower reimbursement rates for behavioral health care can constrict access, forcing families to pay out-of-pocket for mental health services. (While there are state and federal mental health parity laws, many advocates in Connecticut, including Eagan, have called for tougher enforcement measures.)

Jessica is insured. But her high-deductible private insurance plan only covered some of the treatments she

sought for her son. Even with \$1,000 of her monthly income going toward health insurance, Brian continued to be "bounced around like a hot potato" from provider to provider, she said.

It is not uncommon for Connecticut residents with private insurance to struggle to find — and pay for — behavioral health care, said Ted Doolittle, the state's health care advocate, who is tasked with assisting consumers who have problems with health care and health insurance plans.

"We see this difficulty all the time," he said.

Health care providers have the benefit of operating in a "seller's market," Doolittle said, in which some patients are willing to pay for out-of-network care and health insurance companies can be reluctant to bring providers in-network by raising reimbursement rates.

Even when a patient manages to secure a provider, behavioral health care can be often truncated by how many sessions an insurance provider is willing to cover, Mayes said. Other times, a social worker or clinician might be reimbursed for one area of care, but not another. The result, she said, is a "fractured system."

Searching for an available provider, navigating reimbursement issues and, in many cases, having to settle for costly out-of-network care "loads a lot of administrative burden, anxiety and stress on the parent," Doolittle said.

"Right at the moment where our families are dealing with what should be overriding problems of getting their kid healthy and back on track, they have to become the maestro of out-of-network payments and filing claims," he said.

Some days, Jessica would "call everyone from the governor on down," trying to line up providers for Brian.

Other times, exhausted, all she could do was take an ibuprofen and go to bed early.

"I have to run around like a chicken with my head cut off, to try to access care and afford it," she said.

An at-home option

In the spring of 2021, it seemed that Brian was beginning to make progress. After a series of visits to the emergency department for out-of-control behavior, he landed a spot in an intensive outpatient program (IOP) at Yale New Haven Hospital.

During one group therapy session, Jessica said, Brian took part in an empty chair exercise, in which he imagined his alleged abuser sitting across from him and addressed the person directly, putting words to his trauma. For a young boy who tends to avoid conversation, it was a significant moment, she said.

Dr. Andrea Asnes, a child abuse pediatrician and associate professor of pediatrics at the Yale School of Medicine, describes sexual abuse as a "high-grade traumatic exposure," which she likens to a medical emergency. When helping child victims obtain mental health care, she will often remind families, "If you know you're exposed to a deadly disease, we don't say, 'Call three times and if you don't engage in getting the medication, we'll let the case go.'"

Child sexual abuse can significantly increase a child's risk of facing negative consequences later in life, including sexually transmitted infections, substance use and misuse, depression and suicide. High-quality care and supportive caregivers, Asnes noted, can temper those risks.

"The abuse itself is horrible," she said. "What

happens after is so important."

When Brian reached the end of his six-week IOP program, the Yale staff recommended enrolling him in an Intensive In-Home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services program, his discharge papers show. Through IICAPS, a licensed mental health clinician and a mental health counselor would visit Brian at home multiple times a week, typically for six months.

"It's a two-person team focused on helping the family, the parents, decrease the stress and become more capable of helping the child, understanding the child's difficulties and helping them become more effective," said Dr. Joseph Woolston, a professor of child psychiatry and pediatrics at the Yale School of Medicine, who co-founded the program in 1996.

To Jessica, it seemed like the perfect option for Brian. She liked that the program would bring clinicians directly into her home to work with him, develop a treatment plan and help her navigate providers.

Enrolling Brian in IICAPS, however, proved complicated. Only a few private insurance carriers cover IICAPS in Connecticut, according to multiple providers, and many families receive coverage through Medicaid (HUSKY). Jessica's insurance didn't cover IICAPS, so she attempted to obtain temporary Medicaid, she said. Through DCF, she was connected to the Voluntary Care Management Program, operated by the behavioral management company Beacon Health Options. Her request for temporary Medicaid was denied, she said.

Jeff Blunt, the public relations director for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, which oversees Beacon Health Options, said in a statement and speaking generally, not about any specific case, that many factors go into a service decision.

"In determining the appropriate service type, Beacon starts with understanding the family's needs and their vision for their child's care, as well as the recommendation from the child's treating behavioral health care provider and current standards of care published in peer reviewed medical journals," Blunt said.

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"The abuse itself is horrible," she said. "What

is, not what the need is," Eagan, the child advocate, said of IICAPS and related programs. "That's a fundamental, foundational, egregious problem with our health care system, with no resolution in sight."

'No faith'

In December, Brian was hospitalized after kicking Jessica in the face. In the year since he had made his disclosure to the school social worker, his care had been sporadic.

"He just wants to be a kid," Jessica said following his discharge, more than a week later. "He's not quite ready to process all these negative emotions, but they bubble up."

After the hospitalization, Brian had returned to an extended day treatment program, where he seemed to be acclimating well. But the following month, Jessica's insurance carrier declined to authorize future sessions, she said, effectively dropping him from the program. Brian's hospital discharge papers had included an IICAPS recommendation, so his mother sought assistance again and it was denied, she said.

"I just want a clear and consistent program with people that are dedicated to my son's healing," she said last month. "I've had four different psych prescribers and I have to look for a new one. There's been no continuity of care."

In the General Assembly, lawmakers have proposed a number of measures to address the issues that Jessica and other Connecticut families have faced in seeking care. A bill introduced this month in the Children's Committee would create a fund for minor victims of sexual assault to cover the cost of out-of-network medical care, to which families could apply annually. State lawmakers also recently unveiled a series of measures aimed at solving the current crisis by strengthening the behavioral health care workforce, expanding school-based mental health resources and analyzing reimbursement rate disparities.

As the cogs of the Connecticut legislative machine begin to shift into motion, life at Jessica's home remains largely the same, with all its attendant anxieties and frustrations. Brian still doesn't have the steady, intensive care he needs most.

"At this point, I'm just a little bit jaded by the system. I have no faith," Jessica said recently. "You've fought so hard. You're so tired."

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Set to 'feel a little bit normal again'

Relief, hope creep back 2 years after pandemic hits US

By Gillian Flaccus,
Christopher Weber
and Terry Tang
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — With COVID-19 case numbers plummeting, Emily Safrin did something she hadn't done since the pandemic began two years ago: She put her fears aside and went to a concert.

The fully vaccinated and boosted restaurant server planned to keep her mask on, but as the reggaeton star Bad Bunny took the stage and the energy in the crowd soared, she ripped it off. Soon after, she was strolling unmasked in a trendy Portland neighborhood with friends.

Two years after the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, relief and hope are creeping back in after a long, dark period of loss, fear and deep uncertainty about the future.

"Everyone was supposed to be vaccinated or have a negative test, and I said, 'What the heck, I'm just gonna live my life,'" Safrin said of her concert experience. "It was overwhelming, to be honest, but it also felt great to be able to just feel a little bit normal again."

The world is finally emerging from a brutal stretch of winter dominated by the highly contagious omicron variant, bringing a sense of relief on the two-year anniversary of the start of the pandemic.

It was March 11, 2020, when the WHO issued its declaration, driving home the severity of the threat faced by a virus that at that point had wreaked havoc primarily in Italy and China. The U.S. had 38 confirmed coronavirus deaths and 1,300 cases nationwide on that date, but reality was



Blanca Ortiz, a COVID-19 patient, learns she will be discharged from a hospital in Argentina. NATACHA PISARENKO/AP 2020

starting to sink in: stocks tanked, classrooms started closing, and people began donning masks.

Since then, more than 6 million people have died globally, nearly 1 million in the U.S. The emergence of the vaccine in December 2020 saved countless lives but political divisions, hesitancy and inequality in health systems have kept millions around the world from getting inoculated, prolonging the pandemic.

The situation is improving, however.

Hospitalizations of people with COVID-19 have plummeted 80% in the last six weeks across the U.S. since a mid-January pandemic peak, dropping to the lowest levels since last July, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Case counts have followed the same trend line to the lowest counts since last summer as well. Even the death tally,

which typically lags behind cases and hospitalizations, has slowed significantly in the last month.

In its latest pandemic report, the WHO said infections and deaths are down across the globe, with only the Western Pacific seeing a rise in cases. The Middle East and Africa saw cases drop by 46% and 40%, respectively.

Another positive: The omicron wave and vaccinations have left enough people with protection against the coronavirus that future spikes will likely require much less disruption to society, experts say.

Nowhere is the shift in the pandemic more apparent than in the nation's hospitals, where critical care units were overflowing with desperately ill patients just months ago.

Julie Kim, chief nursing officer at Providence St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton, California,

gets emotional when she recalls the bleakest days of the pandemic when doctors and nurses worked around the clock and didn't go home because they were afraid of bringing the virus back with them.

At one point during the summer 2020 spike, there were 250 COVID-19 patients in the hospital licensed for 320 beds and the hospital had to use offices for overflow bed space.

The pandemic has eased to the point that as of last Tuesday, there were just four COVID-19 patients at the hospital, Kim said, adding that many are traumatized by the raw memories of the past two years.

"It's hard to use the word 'normal' because I don't think we will ever get back to a pre-COVID state," she said. "This has had a toll on many of us. Some people are moving forward, and some people are still having a hard time dealing with it all."

Mask mandates, vaccine requirements and other COVID-19 measures are being eliminated everywhere. The last statewide mask mandate in the U.S., in Hawaii, will end March 26.

But health experts are also urging some caution.

Dr. Albert Ko, an infectious-disease physician and epidemiologist at the Yale School of Public Health, said it's certainly good news that the U.S. seems to be at the tail end of a peak.

But he cautioned against any victory declarations, especially with the potential of another variant lurking around the corner.

"We have new variants emerge, and those new variants fuel large waves, epidemic waves," Ko said. "The big question is, are they going to be as mild or less severe as omicron? Are they going to be potentially more severe? Unfortunately, I can't predict that."

Meanwhile, demand for

testing is down.

Jaclyn Chavira remembers the fear on peoples' faces as they lined up by the thousands in Los Angeles to be tested during the late 2020 surge, which triggered an astonishing 250,000 infections and more than 3,000 deaths a day across the U.S. at the peak.

Infections raced out of control for weeks and some days the line of cars at the Dodger Stadium test site, one of the largest in the nation, stretched for nearly 2 miles.

At the height of the omicron surge, Chavira's nonprofit called CORE did 94,000 tests a week at 10 sites in Los Angeles County. Last week, they conducted about 3,400 and most of them were for work or travel requirements — not because the person was sick, she said.

"You can sense the relief," said Chavira.

Not everyone, however, is ready to dive back in. Many remember last year when mask rules eased and COVID-19 seemed to be loosening its grip only to come roaring back as the delta and omicron variants took hold.

Amber Pierce, who works in a Portland bar-restaurant, was out of work for almost a year due to COVID-19-related layoffs and narrowly dodged an infection herself when the virus swept through her workplace. A regular customer died during this winter's peak, she said.

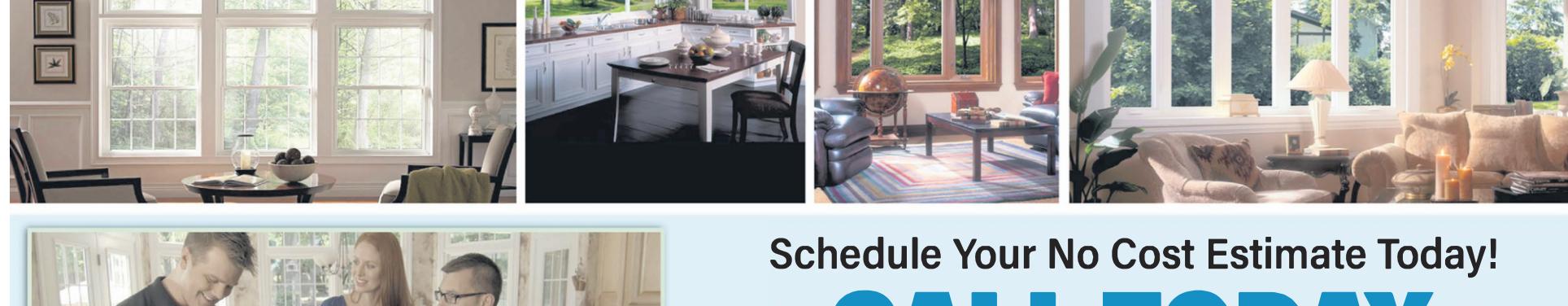
She still wears a mask even when outdoors and was eating pizza outside on a recent day only because her brother was visiting for the first time in more than a year.

"I'm going to make sure that there's not a spike once those masks come off and everyone starts, you know, feeling comfortable," she said, as she applied hand sanitizer.

"It's still the anxiety of it," she said. "Either way, it's going to hit you whether you get really sick or not."



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While many support a voter identification law, Democrats are more worried about progress in voting rights for Black Americans. Above, mail-in ballots in Utah. **RICK BOWMER/AP 2020**

Majorities from major parties back state vote rules, poll says

By Nicholas Riccardi and Hannah Fingerhut
Associated Press

DENVER — Majorities of Americans in both major parties think voting rules in their states are appropriate and support a voter identification law, but Democrats are increasingly worried about progress in voting rights for Black Americans.

A new poll from Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research showed voting was the only one of eight subjects — including education and treatment by police — in which fewer Americans now than four years ago said African Americans had achieved significant progress since the civil rights era. Concern about a lack of progress is much higher for Democrats, 86% of whom believe more must be done to secure racial equality in voting rights, compared with 40% of Republicans.

That's a reflection of the continuing partisan fight over election procedures that spawned more restrictive laws in 19 GOP-controlled states last year.

Still, even Democrats are

fairly happy with the voting laws in their own states — red and blue. About 3 out of 4 Americans think the laws in their states are “about right,” according to the poll.

Recoa Russell, a 67-year-old retired machine operator in Mobile, Alabama, who is Black, lives in a state with some of the most restrictive voting laws in the country. But he said the rules there “work well. Just show your ID and pull the lever.”

Indeed, voter identification is the most popular of a series of voting reforms in the poll, with 70% favoring requiring photo identification before casting a ballot. Smaller majorities were in favor of automatic voter registration of eligible citizens and sending mail ballots to all registered voters, two top Democratic priorities. Republicans were more likely than Democrats to support the voter ID law, 87% to 55%.

The poll illustrates why Democrats have had such problems in their push for a federal overhaul of voting laws. An attempt to pass sweeping election changes stalled in the Senate earlier this year amid unanimous

Republican opposition. For months, Democrats hesitated to even bring the bill to a vote because they couldn't get their entire 50-member Senate caucus to agree to it.

One of the bill's provisions would have banned partisan gerrymandering, or the contorted redrawing of legislative lines to make it easier for one party's representatives to win elections. The poll found that 69% of Americans believe that's a major problem, with Democrats more likely than Republicans to say so, 80% to 58%.

The GOP had great success in the prior round of redistricting and has pushed to lessen legal oversight of the once-a-decade drawing of legislative lines.

Just 32% of Black Americans say there has been significant progress in racial equality in voting rights since the civil rights era, compared with 52% of white Americans. Majorities of Black and white Americans say more needs to be done, but Black Americans are much more likely to say a lot more is needed, 57% to 29% of whites who feel that way.

Late-winter storm blankets Northeast and Deep South

Associated Press

A late-winter storm blasted the northeastern United States on Saturday with high winds and snow that could pile up to a foot high, sending temperatures plummeting and making travel hazardous after first taking aim at the Deep South.

The National Weather Service said 7 to 12 inches could be expected in northern areas of Pennsylvania and New York with winds gusting as high as 45 mph. Philadelphia residents, while expecting only a few inches of snow, were warned that blizzard-like conditions were possible at one point, and later a flash freeze was possible with wet surfaces rapidly becoming icy due to plummeting temperatures.

Gale warnings were in effect in coastal New Jersey and Delaware areas, with gusts of 40 to 50 mph possible and forecasters warning of tree damage and resulting power outages as well as rough boating conditions. A wind advisory was in effect for other areas.

Meteorologist Andrew Orrison of the weather service office in College Park, Maryland, said moderate to heavy snow had fallen over “a rather large area” of the eastern United States, but the storm was moving quickly to the northeast.

Parts of the Tennessee Valley and central Appalachia had already seen as much as 8 to 12 inches of snow, and areas of Pennsylvania, New York and northern New England were expected to receive similar amounts before the storm pulled away early Sunday, he said. By Saturday afternoon, 10 inches of snow or more had been reported in parts of New York and



Jason Meyers throws a flying disc for his dog Gilroy during a snowstorm on Saturday in Burlington, Vermont. A late-winter storm hammered the Northeast. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

northern Pennsylvania and as much as 6 inches in eastern Pennsylvania.

Intensifying low pressure accompanying the storm had been generating high winds, and plunging temperatures would freeze any moisture on roadways, making for hazardous travel in icy conditions, he said.

State police said Saturday afternoon that a crash involving 73 vehicles on a central Pennsylvania highway had resulted in multiple injuries, but no life-threatening injuries were immediately reported. Trooper Megan Ammerman said the crash was reported shortly after 2 p.m. Saturday in Cumberland County.

The cause of the crash and other details weren't immediately available. WCAU-TV reported that temperatures in the area ranged from the lower to mid-20s, well below freezing, with winds gusting to 30 to 40 mph resulting in reduced visibility.

PPL reported more than 10,750 customers without power in eastern and central Pennsylvania by mid-afternoon Saturday but that had dropped to 5,000 hours later. FirstEnergy reported 10,350 customer outages in Pennsylvania and New York but that had been reduced to 7,650 later in the day.

The system also brought snow and rain to several southern states, including Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi, on Friday and Saturday. Parts of northern Mississippi and portions of the Mississippi Delta also saw between 2 and 3.5 inches of snow.

Several inches of snow fell in eastern Tennessee, delaying by at least a day the season opening of Dollywood in Pigeon Forge.

In Knoxville, the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was canceled and several inches of snow in the middle of the state contributed to multiple crashes on interstate highways.

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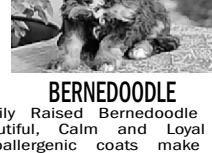
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New York Times Crossword

PARLOR TRICK

BY MATTHEW STOCK AND WILL NEDIGER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Matthew Stock works for a math-education nonprofit in East St. Louis, Ill. Will Nediger, of London, Ontario, is a professional crossword constructor. As fans of each other's work, they connected via the online "puzzlevore." They still have not met or even spoken together over video. The original idea for this puzzle was Matthew's. Together they developed the theme via Twitter direct messages, then exchanged grids back and forth until they got one they were both happy with. — W.S.

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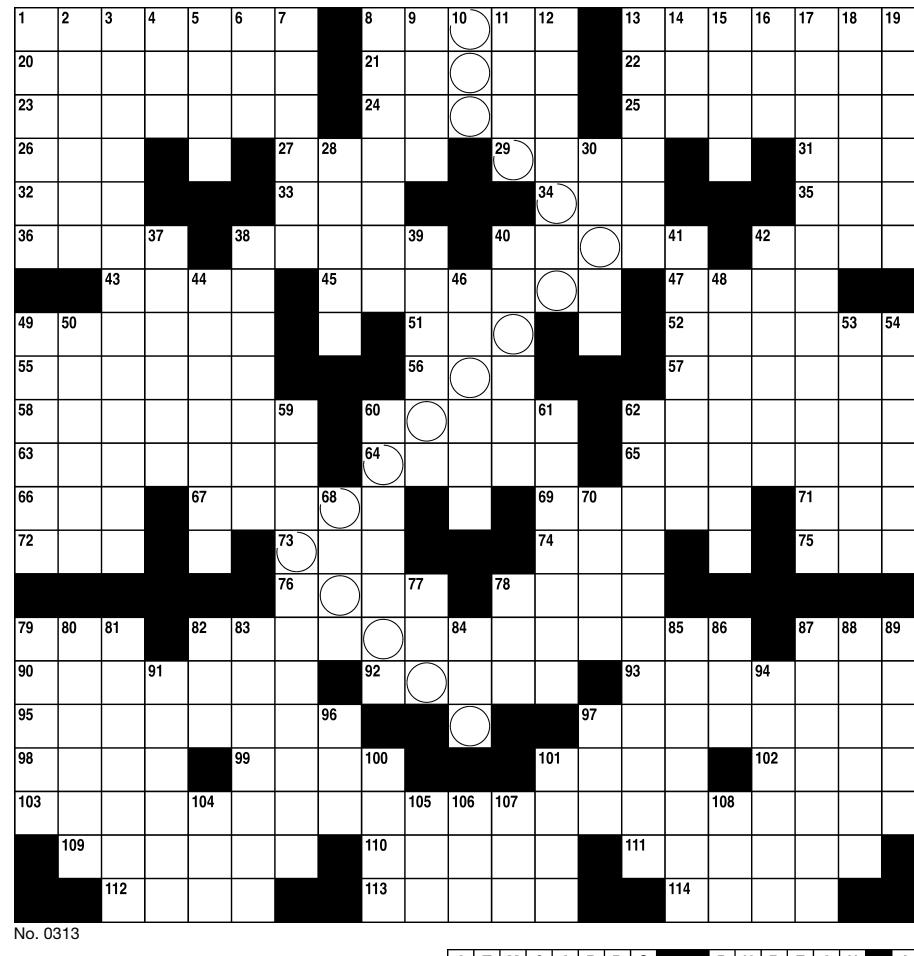
1 "Bon ____!"
 8 "See ya later!"
 13 It covers more than 30 percent of the earth's surface
 20 Donna ____ member of Bill Clinton's cabinet
 21 Klein who wrote the best seller "This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate"
 22 Desert whose soil has been compared with that of Mars
 23 Biting writings
 24 Breakfast treat
 25 Persuades a customer to pay more
 26 "Or so"
 27 Much of a delivery person's income
 29 Makes a choice
 31 Hoppin'
 32 Prearranged
 33 Suffix with official
 34 Nickel found in a pocket, say
 35 Actor Barinholtz of "The Mindy Project"
 36 Classic Camaro
 38 ____ K. Smith, poet who won a Pulitzer for "Life on Mars"
 40 Cosmetic that can be applied with a brush
 42 Neighbors of exclamation marks
 43 "La Dolce ____"
 45 Stuffed one's face
 47 Bump on a frog
 49 Question regarding a mic
 51 Hubbub
 52 One of the Blues Brothers
 55 Above criticism
 56 Question from the befuddled

57 Syrian city with a historic citadel
 58 What "10" can mean
 60 Extra
 62 Rolled one's r's, say
 63 Linguistic unit
 64 Giraffe's closest living relative
 65 Deb ____ secretary of the interior starting in 2021
 66 Opposite of 'neath
 67 Regarding
 69 Exams for some future clerks: Abbr.
 71 Cold open?
 72 Hang out on a line
 73 U.K. award bestowed by the queen
 74 West Coast news units.
 75 Blunder
 76 They cast lots
 78 "Love covers a multitude of ____": I Peter 4:8
 79 Lawn material
 82 Something's essential aspect ... or what's spelled out by letters in this puzzle's eight "cups"
 87 Comedian Margaret
 90 2011 film for which Octavia Spencer won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar
 92 It takes blades to blades
 93 Deal
 95 Like the consonants "t" and "d"
 97 Eject forcefully
 98 Records request initials.
 99 ____ history
 101 Utah's state flower

102 Org. that sets permissible exposure limits
 103 Karaoke instruction ... or what to do starting at 10-Down
 109 P.R. consultant on "Ted Lasso"
 110 Start playing for pay
 111 Into really small pieces
 112 Scott who sued for his freedom
 113 Afford, casually
 114 Add salt to, say

DOWN

1 Home of St. Clare
 2 Starfleet weapon
 3 Election night calculation ... or what's traced by the circled letters
 4 Name that's 6-Down backward
 5 Save it for a rainy day!
 6 La Corse, par exemple
 7 Brewery employee
 8 Comb through
 9 Bubs
 10 Worker's "on vacation" initis.
 11 "Actually, I disagree"
 12 Rococo painter of "Allegory of the Planets and Continents"
 13 They might be pregnant
 14 Organic energy compound, for short
 15 "Mi ____ es su ____"
 16 Part of a cold compress
 17 Become clear ... or make like the object represented by the circled letters
 18 "So then my response was ..."
 19 Hereditary divisions
 28 Physicist Newton
 30 Loyalty that's pledged
 37 Lemonlike fruit
 38 Big rigs
 39 "Well, fine then"
 40 Age beautifully, informally
 41 Cuss out
 42 Big Brother's creator
 44 Pink pad on a paw, in slang
 46 The Lord, in the Hebrew Bible
 48 Start of a simple request
 49 Roly-poly, scientifically
 50 ____ torte (Austrian cake)
 53 Warm-up act
 54 Move shakily
 59 Ross Perot founded it in 1995
 60 Lack of engagement
 61 More wacky
 62 "You're just assuming"
 68 It's blown in the winds
 70 Showed off one's pipes
 77 Airport with a Harvey Milk terminal: Abbr.
 78 Harry Styles tune about a woman who "lives in daydreams"
 79 Lines of notes
 80 Sight line?
 81 Cooked with hot seasoning
 82 Prefix with -lithic
 83 Not against the rules
 84 It's under @ on a keyboard
 85 ____ lodge
 86 Rowing machine, informally
 87 Event for moving vehicles



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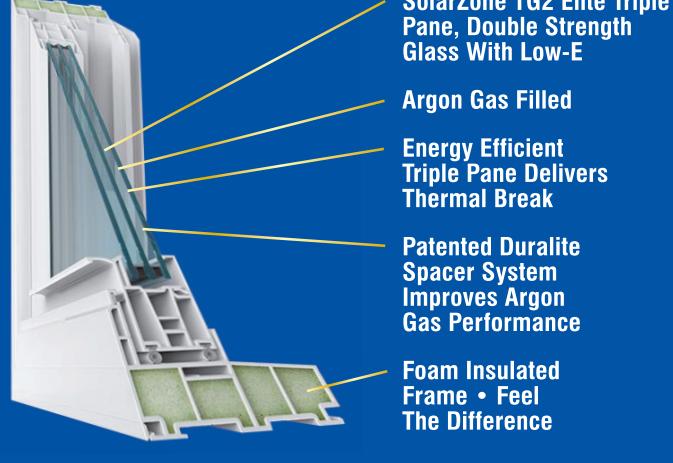


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Equity among teachers takes focus

As Connecticut schools struggle to recruit and retain staff, lack of diversity is in the crosshairs

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

As a kid, Marquis Johnson never thought he'd become a teacher.

"It was the last thing I ever wanted to be," Johnson said. At the time, he was set on fostering a growing love for science. And besides, he only had "two or three" teachers of color throughout his entire K-12 education. Growing up in a then-mostly white Windsor, he saw other students of color disciplined at higher rates.

As Johnson told the legislature's education committee in 2020: "Regardless of intention, the message was clear: I was not welcome. Therefore, I did not believe that I belonged or even had a stake in this arena."

But after heading down the pre-med track, Johnson decided medical school wasn't for him. He tried substitute teaching, and discovered it came naturally.

He earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from UConn, and went on to combine his

two loves as an eighth grade science teacher, first in Hartford and now as instructional coach at Windsor's Sage Park Middle School.

Johnson's path reflects the barriers that stand in the way of recruiting teachers of color, a problem made more acute by a statewide teacher shortage, fears of teachers leaving the field and annual declines in enrollment for teacher preparation programs.

But it also gives hope that targeted policy can make a difference.

"I think you've got to fix the teaching profession, fix the education

Turn to Teachers, Page 2



State Sen. Doug McCrory, a longtime educator, says standardized test requirements dissuade some people of color from pursuing certification to become teachers.
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Utilities' actions in crisis probed

State looking into payment demands during COVID-19

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Connecticut regulators on Friday opened an investigation of payment demands by Eversource Energy and United Illuminating of consumers and wage garnishments the utilities obtained during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority acted in response to a request by the state Office of Consumer Counsel that said the utilities' efforts, which included suing customers to recover money, violate regulators' intent to help low-income utility customers during the public health crisis.

"From OCC's perspective, these collection practices are in direct contradiction to (PURA's) stated objective to protect Connecticut customers from financial distress caused by late or past due utility balances during the COVID-19 emergency," interim Consumer Counsel Claire E. Coleman said in her request to PURA.

Responding to a request in March 2020 by Connecticut Attorney General William Tong, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority established a moratorium halting electricity and gas shut-offs for nonpayment. State public health orders shut many businesses, leaving hundreds of thousands of utility customers unemployed and in financial distress.

Numerous relief programs also were established to help consumers who faced hardships.

Avangrid, the parent company of United Illuminating, Connecticut Natural Gas and Southern Connecticut Gas, reported obtaining 263 judgments against customers in 2020 and 2021 and 80 wage garnishments, the Office of Consumer Counsel said.

Eversource, which includes Connecticut Light & Power and Yankee Gas, reported obtaining 44 judgments and 13 wage garnishments in the two years.

Avangrid spokesman Gage Frank said UI, Connecticut Natural Gas and Southern



CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

'Creating history'

Historical society launches effort to record experiences of people of color in pandemic

By Alex Puttermann
Hartford Courant

When COVID-19 first hit in the spring of 2020, the Connecticut Historical Society quickly put out a call for photos, stories and artifacts that would convey the experience of living through a modern-day pandemic. The organization had kept almost nothing from the 1918 influenza pandemic and didn't want to make the same mistake again.

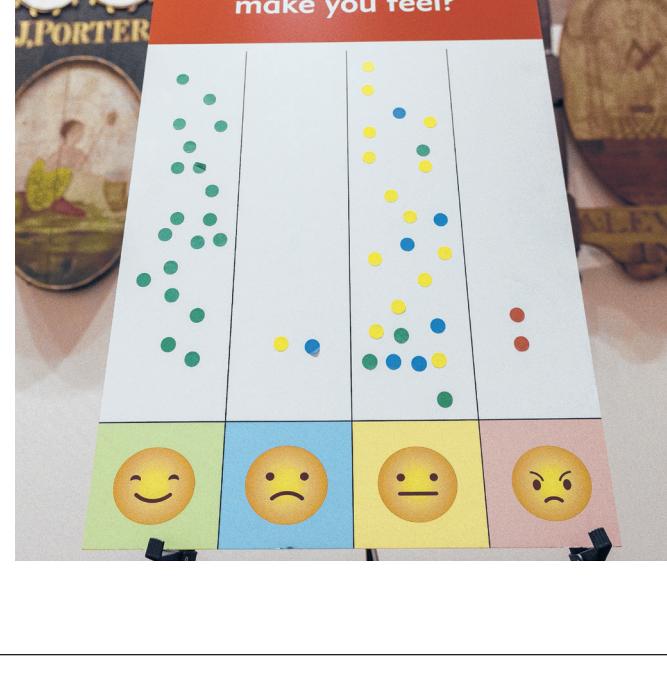
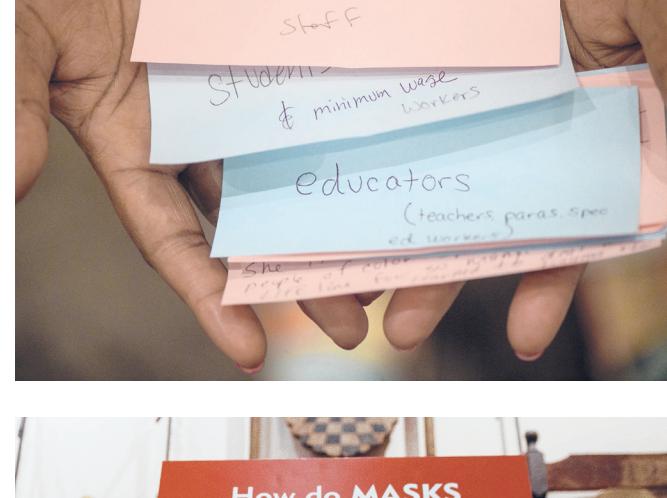
But as submissions arrived,

staff realized they were collecting material almost exclusively from just one subset of Connecticut's population: white, affluent, educated and suburban.

"We did not have a diverse and inclusive representation of COVID," said Ilene Frank, the Connecticut Historical Society's chief curator. "We [realized] that if we want to make sure that we are creating a diverse and inclusive archive that will be used by future generations, then we have to

Turn to History, Page 3

Samariya Smith, community history project manager for the Connecticut Historical Society, is gathering oral histories and artifacts — such as notes collected from participants answering the question "Who should we talk to?" and a sign with residents' feelings toward face masks — as part of a new project exploring life during the pandemic. MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT



Turn to Utilities, Page 3

Connecticut aims to build disability workforce 'pipeline'

Amid labor shortage, advocates say thousands of residents could be missing out on opportunities

By Erica E. Phillips
CT Mirror

On any given day at the Palm & Able warehouse in Bridgeport, Latasha "LJ" Jones might be assembling retail displays, conducting quality checks or picking and packing shipments of medical supplies.

Jones has an intellectual disability, but she has tackled myriad assignments at the warehouse; she's currently training to fulfill orders using e-commerce soft-

ware.

"I like this job because we're doing different things," Jones said.

But leaders and advocates in the disability community say capable workers like Jones, who have a wide range of skills and abilities, are being overlooked by companies that have open jobs to fill — even as many business groups raise concerns about a labor shortage.

"When we consider the vast number of people with disabilities ... and other vulnerable popu-

lations in our communities, we are losing out on valuable labor resources for all business," said Rick Sebastian, chief executive of The Kennedy Center, the social services organization that operates the Palm & Able warehouse.

The Kennedy Center provides day services as well as employment support and coaching to people with disabilities, and it runs seven businesses that employ people with and without disabilities.

In Connecticut, according to 2017 Census data, there were nearly 390,000 non-institutionalized persons with reported disabilities age 16 or older. Less than 25% of that population were employed,

according to the state Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, and many of those individuals were considered underemployed — meaning they didn't have enough paid work or they weren't fully using their skills.

The 2014 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and state-level efforts in recent years to implement an "Employment First" policy for disabled individuals have led to new programs and opportunities for many in the community. In 2021, the BRS reported assisting more than 5,000 people with various disabilities in finding work.

There's still work to be done.

While exact numbers are unclear, advocates say potentially thousands more Connecticut residents with disabilities — whether they report them or not — could be missing out on work opportunities at a time when business groups have declared a labor shortage.

According to a study by business consultancy Accenture, if 1% more of the disabled population were working, that could drive up the national GDP by \$25 billion.

This "untapped labor force can add value to any sector," Sebastian said, but they're "essentially invisible."

Turn to Workforce, Page 3

Workers, employers can show off their business through April 22

By Stephen Singer

Hartford Courant

COVID-19 is retreating, and employers are again promising to reopen offices this spring after being closed for two years.

Companies have said before they would order workers back to the office, at least a few days a week. They were stopped by the omicron variant that swept the globe, though it caused fewer fatalities and hospitalizations.

For the annual Top Workplaces

program, recognition gives employers and employees credit for what they've accomplished in difficult circumstances, raises the profile of a business or organization and gives prospective employees a look at how a workplace excels.

The final deadline to nominate has been extended to April 22, and publication will be in September.



The Courant is looking for companies, nonprofit organizations and other groups to tell us how they have continued their work during the pandemic. We want to know what companies should be ranked among the best places to work in Connecticut.

So far, 100 companies have signed up to participate in Top Workplaces.

Any organization with 50 or more employees in Hartford,

Middlesex, New London, Tolland and Windham counties is eligible to participate. Organizations may be public, private, nonprofit or a government agency.

Workplaces are evaluated by their employees using a 24-question survey, and companies will be surveyed through May.

Energage, the research partner for the project, conducts Top Workplaces surveys for media in 61 markets and surveyed more than 2 million employees at more than 8,000 organizations in 2021.

Nominations may be made at <https://www.courant.com/nominate> or by calling 860-256-4476.

Last year, 817 organizations were invited and 82 were surveyed. Fifty-eight winners were recognized.

The number of employees represented by organizations that were surveyed numbered 34,079. Of that, 30,116 were invited to take the survey and 16,119 responded.

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Teachers

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system. You've got to make it a place that people want to be in," Johnson said, "that people in general want to be part of, and there has to be incentives for Black people to be there."

Connecticut school districts hired more than 1,900 new educators of color between 2017 and 2021, finally meeting the state's goal of raising the statewide percentage of educators of color to 10%, from 8.3% in 2015.

It's a modest improvement, but teacher diversity still lags behind students — an urgent dilemma, given the well-documented benefits a diverse teaching staff presents to students.

Forty-seven percent of Connecticut students are children of color, as of the 2019-20 school year.

The problem doesn't just exist in Connecticut: Teachers of color only make up 18% of the teacher workforce nationwide, according to a 2016 U.S. Dept. of Education report, even though students of color are now in the majority.

The issue goes back decades, said Sen. Doug McCrory, a Hartford Democrat and longtime educator. But it wasn't always this way.

In the Jim Crow era, many Black Americans faced limited professional options. "At that time in society, the only options for most Black people would be a preacher, teacher or go into entrepreneurship," McCrory said.

But after schools integrated beginning in 1954, many Black teachers lost their jobs, with some school administrators hesitant to put them in charge of white students or faculty.

McCrory said Connecticut, as well as other Northeastern states, spent the 1960s and 1970s recruiting teachers of color in the South and candidates at historically Black colleges and universities — including his aunt, who was recruited to teach in New Britain.

Testing barrier?

Things started to change in 1986, McCrory said, the year the state legislature passed the Educational Enhancement Act.

The act raised teacher salaries to among the highest in the country, where they remain today, but also added new certification and evaluation standards. The standards included a standardized test requirement, which McCrory says



Kate Dias, president of the Connecticut Education Association, warns of an "overreliance on standardized testing" for teacher certification. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

dissuades some people of color from pursuing certification.

"The problem is, taking a test is no indication of how well you can teach," McCrory said. "There's no relationship connecting someone's ability to take a standardized test and their ability to teach in the classroom, but that's the barrier we created."

Kate Dias, president of the Connecticut Education Association, also warns of an "overreliance on standardized testing."

"The predictive nature of that test to how good you're going to be in a classroom would be zero," said Dias, a math teacher in Manchester.

Dias and McCrory also cited an abundance of academic research that suggests standardized testing is often rife with racial or cultural biases, which they say serves to further alienate candidates of color.

How much of a barrier is the certification exam, really? Pass rates are relatively high: 81% of examinees passed on their best attempt during the 2015-16 program year, and about 74% passed on their first attempt, according to state data.

But there is indication that barriers exist somewhere along the way. According to the most recent available data, Connecticut students who identify as a race other than white made up about 22% of students enrolled in teacher preparation programs in 2018-19 —

more than double the percentage of people of color in the state's teacher workforce.

McCrory said the certification process is the "biggest [barrier]" to recruiting more teachers of color, and is also pushing for the state to expand reciprocity with other states to make it easier for certified teachers to move to Connecticut.

Alternate routes

There's no getting around certification testing, and teachers are required to receive their master's degree within five years of earning certification.

"A job that requires a master's [degree] probably shouldn't start at 50k," Dias said, pointing to one of the financial barriers that limits socioeconomic diversity among teachers.

But Connecticut does have other paths besides undergraduate teacher preparation programs. The Alternate Route to Certification program, open to candidates from all backgrounds, serves as an accelerated teacher training program for adults looking to change careers.

McCrory, who came through the alternate route program himself, said the program has historically lacked diversity, and the state has become more intentional in its offerings.

"We've got programs out there.

We're getting much better. We've just got to do more," he said.

Senate Bill 1, a wide-ranging children's health and education bill, would establish a scholarship fund for minority teacher candidates who graduate from Alliance Districts, which serve the bulk of Connecticut's students of color.

The state in 2020 launched a teacher residency program run by the RESC Alliance, which pairs teachers with veteran teacher-mentors for one year. In 2020, the program had just 15 residents across four partner districts, but it expanded to more than 20 districts for 2021-22.

Also in 2020, Gov. Ned Lamont announced the NextGen Educators program, a partnership between the state Department of Education and Central Connecticut State University that places college students in public school classrooms.

The mission for the pilot at Bristol Public Schools is to help address teacher shortages and increase teacher diversity by allowing CCSU students to gain classroom experience while still in school.

Unlike student teachers, Next-Gen teachers get paid for their work instead of earning credits, and work for two or three full days per week.

"[Students] are getting supported by the host teacher, by us in higher ed, but they're there on a full-time basis," said Kimberly Koste-

lis, CCSU interim provost who worked with the state to develop the program.

"They're being embedded into the school community, and I think that also helps retain the teachers once they become teachers," Koste-lis said.

Retention and support

Even if recruitment efforts prove successful, the battle doesn't end there.

The same lack of diversity that dissuades some young people from going into teaching can make the profession an isolating one for teachers of color, bringing a focus to the importance of retention as well as recruitment.

Faith Sweeney, now a literacy coach at Coleytown Elementary School in Westport, remembers being the focus of doubts and criticisms while teaching at a school in Greenwich.

One frustrated parent transferred their child out of her class — nothing was said explicitly, but Sweeney felt it had something to do with the color of her skin.

"As a Black person who's been through it, I can tell when somebody is judging me based on my color and not by my actions," said Sweeney, now in her 26th year teaching.

But with only one other teacher of color employed at the school, she didn't feel there was someone to turn to for support.

Sweeney found relief at an affinity group for Black educators run by someone else in the district — a place to talk, feel supported and access mentorship.

At Coleytown, Sweeney says the retention model is great. Staff members routinely check in on each other, they have a committee for diversity, equity and inclusion, and they brainstorm support actions together.

Westport is also one of the districts partnering with the teacher residency program.

"Teachers of color want to feel just as respected as anyone else," Sweeney said. "They want their ideas valued, they want to be seen as leaders, and they want the opportunity. And the support, knowing you have people behind you to support you through tough situations."

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Workforce

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'Companies lack an understanding'

And they're particularly vulnerable to economic downturns. During the first year of the pandemic, employment declined among people with disabilities, in part because retail and hospitality businesses — which employ many disabled workers — shuttered or downsized operations. Numbers are rising this year, alongside employment in the broader population: Among the 60 million individuals who identify as disabled nationally, 19.1% were employed in 2021, up from 17.9% in 2020.

Connecticut officials and the state's disability community are trying to tap into that momentum.

Last year, following broader national trends aimed at rooting out systemic discrimination, the Governor's Workforce Council — a collaborative body of business leaders, educators, state agencies and nonprofits — created a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee tasked with closing employment gaps and providing support for vulnerable populations. That includes the formerly incarcerated, veterans, youth, people of color and individuals with disabilities.

Also last year, Connecticut passed a law calling on the Department of Economic and Community Development to establish a workforce development program that would "incentivize businesses to provide training programs, offer modified interviews and reserve market-rate, full-time jobs for persons with disabilities." A draft of that plan was completed last month and is currently being circulated among lawmakers and advo-

cates for feedback.

Among the findings included in the plan: "Companies lack an understanding of the scope of available talent and potential benefits associated with employing persons with disabilities."

One such benefit is the preference assigned in federal contracts to companies whose workforce includes at least 7% individuals with disabilities. Accommodations for such workers, the plan points out, typically cost \$500 or less per employee — and most cost nothing.

The plan included goals such as improving coordination among state agencies serving people with disabilities; offering training services; boosting recruiting support for businesses; and improving data-gathering to better track outcomes.

Anthony Barrett, who leads the DEI committee, said recent trends in remote work have also presented "major opportunities" for the disability community.

"That's a really great market to get more people tapped into jobs that are in tech and health care and some of the jobs that can be done from home," Barrett said. "I think there's opportunities for really upward mobility for job placement for persons with disabilities."

A work group isn't going to be enough'

Advocates say their ultimate goal is what's known as "competitive integrated employment" — jobs that pay at or above minimum wage, come with competitive benefits, provide opportunities for advancement and take place in locations where the employee interacts with people who do not have disabilities.

It's not an easy path to get there.

"We're particularly concerned

that, although the state has a number of initiatives, and those are certainly necessary initiatives, they're not sufficient to address the problems," said Debbie Dorfman, executive director of Disability Rights Connecticut.

Despite perceived momentum at the national level, quarterly reporting from Connecticut's Department of Developmental Services shows the number of individuals in employment service programs has been declining for the last several years, while those in non-emergency day programs has risen. Many jobs for individuals with disabilities take place in segregated workshops, removed from settings where they might interact with people who do not have disabilities. And many of those jobs pay below minimum wage, a concession granted to certain businesses by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The lack of data is another big problem, Dorfman said, which makes it hard to understand the scope and scale of need among the disability community and businesses.

"There needs to be much, much better integration between the systems, and they need to talk to each other," she said. "Just having the work group isn't going to be enough."

Some members of the disability community pointed out that several components of the state's new workforce pipeline plan have already been tried and weren't successful. Some are already codified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, such as recommended changes to make hiring practices more "inclusive."

There were others who chafed at the concept of "incentives" for employers who hire persons with disabilities.

Andrew Komarow, founder of a financial planning firm assist-

ing people with autism spectrum disorder and their families, said there's already a built-in incentive in Connecticut that many businesses don't understand.

Komarow, who is autistic, said this state has one of the most supportive benefits programs for working people with disabilities.

"If you hire somebody with a disability, they probably won't participate in a 401(k) plan if they're on benefits, and they probably won't participate in health insurance because they have Medicaid," Komarow said. "Financially, the incentives are already there for business."

Reframing the conversation

Broadly, advocates say there needs to be a shift in our understanding of the "workforce pipeline" concept. It's as much about working with businesses to attract and support disabled workers as it is about working with disabled individuals to develop their skills and find a good fit for employment.

"Previous administrations have had workforce councils for people with disabilities, but the problem with those councils was there were no businesses on them," said Sharon Denson, executive director of Disability:IN Connecticut. She said she's "totally impressed" with Gov. Ned Lamont's workforce council because it includes leaders from the business community.

Denson's organization works with many large companies — including Travelers, Sikorsky and Walgreens — to tap what she calls the "invisible talent pool" of persons with disabilities. They've implemented best practices like refining job descriptions, conducting interviews in different formats and offering more flexible work

schedules. And the results have been very successful, Denson said.

"It's so important that companies keep up with those trends if they want to have a full workforce," she said.

Over the last two years, many companies learned that in real time. With each surge of the pandemic, businesses had to adjust and accommodate their individual employees' needs. Colleagues took turns stepping in to help each other out. And many workers who felt unappreciated or whose jobs couldn't flex the way they needed them to simply decided to move on.

Win Evarts, executive director of advocacy group The Arc of Connecticut, said he hopes the state's new labor force initiatives will drive workplace practices that are more inclusive.

"Connecticut, for an awful long time, seemed to be sort of tone-deaf to being inclusive," Evarts said. "The more that we can move toward inclusive communities, in general, the better the state of Connecticut is going to do."

Evarts said one way the workforce pipeline initiative would work well is by providing an avenue for employers to "broadcast" their needs to folks who might be looking for work.

"It would be very good for families and service providers for people inside the safety net to understand what kind of skills are in demand in certain regions of the state," Evarts said. That could help direct programming for individuals in employment support programs, leading to the best possible matches between companies and prospective employees, he said.

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SUNDAY CT**History**

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be more intentional about that."

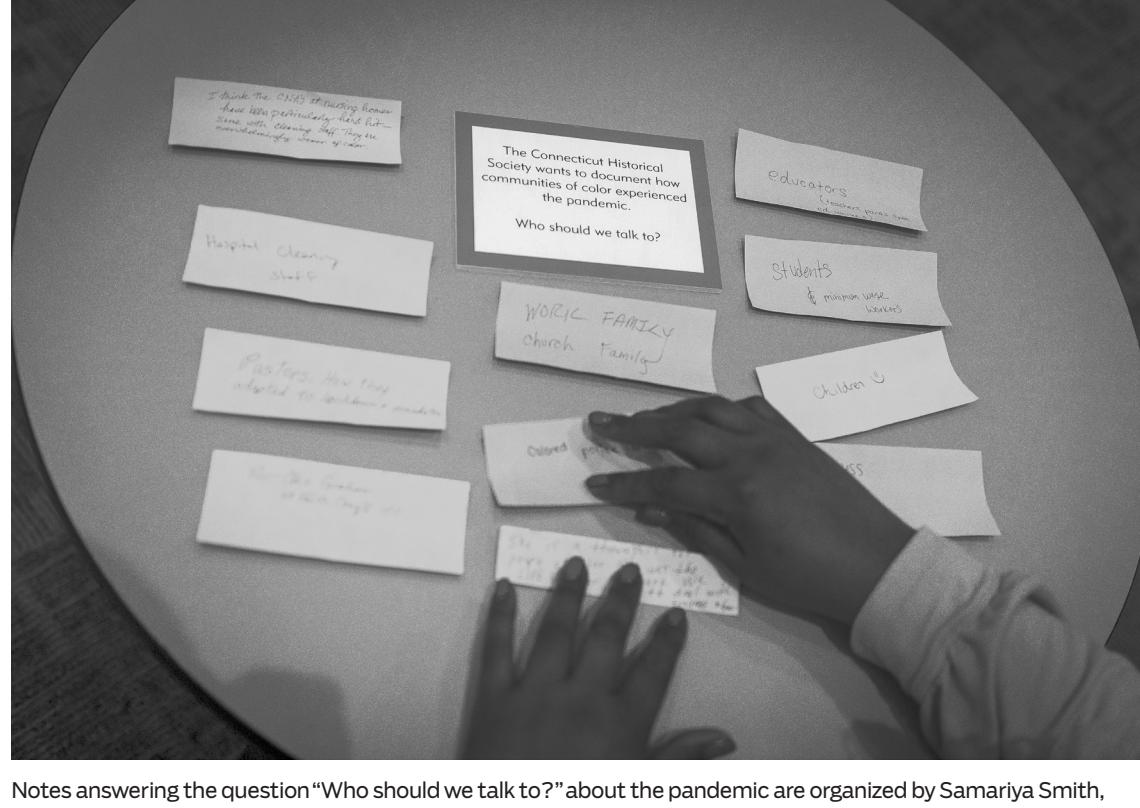
And so the historical society applied for grant funding with plans for a more focused, deliberate approach to documenting the pandemic. Thus emerged the Community History Project, a new two-year initiative that seeks to capture 100 oral histories from Connecticut residents, with a particular focus on people of color in Hartford, New Haven and Norwich.

"Our goal is to hit the pavement and find people with unique stories — good, bad, ugly and indifferent about the pandemic," said Samariya Smith, who is leading the project. "We want to capture those stories ... so that when the next pandemic hits people will have a reference point as to how we made it through."

The project, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services in partnership with Central Connecticut State University and several public libraries, recently conducted its first oral history interviews, with a group of Hartford teenagers.

At a kickoff event for the Community History Project on Thursday, some of those teens discussed what the pandemic has been like for them. Deajah Cunningham, a 14-year-old freshman at Weaver High, described the difficulty of wearing masks during her first year in high school. Asia Hamilton, a 15-year-old sophomore, said she'd developed social anxiety. Carlos Ortiz, a 15-year-old freshman, lost his grandfather to COVID-19.

"My maturity levels had to get higher," said E.J. Alers, also a 15-year-old freshman. "I just had



Notes answering the question "Who should we talk to?" about the pandemic are organized by Samariya Smith, community history project manager for the Connecticut Historical Society. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

to grow up way quicker than a teenager or a child should grow up."

Thursday's event included a display of mementos from the pandemic submitted by Connecticut residents, including a plush doll of Dr. Anthony Fauci, vaccine vials from Yale New Haven Hospital and an absentee voter souvenir card from the secretary of the state's office.

Guests were encouraged to write on foam boards that posed questions such as, "What did you lose during the pandemic?" Under that prompt, one respondent wrote "my sense of time." Another wrote "a child."

Paula Mann-Agnew, a 61-year-

old Windsor resident, offered five answers: "my hair, my mind, my job, my security, my fear." The pandemic, she said, had led her to better appreciate her friends and family.

"I was reminded of the basics again," Mann-Agnew said. "I kind of lost sight of that, but sitting home quarantine all that time really made me reevaluate."

Unequal experience

In many ways, poor people and people of color — in Connecticut and elsewhere — have experienced the pandemic more acutely than other groups. According to state numbers, Black and Latino people

have been disproportionately likely to catch COVID-19 and to die from it, and surveys show they are also more likely to have lost a friend or family member to the disease.

Meanwhile, Black, Latino and poor people have also faced greater financial hardship during the pandemic, with those who have the lowest incomes more likely than those with higher incomes to say they are worse off financially than they were two years ago.

"What the pandemic did was highlight, if not exacerbate, existing fractures in our society," said Tekisha Everette, executive director of the Hartford-based Health Equity Solutions. "Blacks and Latin-

nos and Native Americans and the low-income have borne the brunt of the pandemic in ways we have not seen in a long time."

Frank, from the Connecticut Historical Society, describes the pandemic using the analogy of a stormy sea.

"We were all on the same stormy sea, but we all had different ways on being on that sea," Frank said. "Some people were on a yacht, and other people had doughnut life-preservers they were holding onto."

At the launch event Thursday, Andrew Woods, executive director of Hartford Communities that Care, described catching COVID-19 during the earliest days of the pandemic, then spending much of the next two years working to combat gun violence exacerbated by the crisis.

Along the way, Woods observed up close how some communities suffered more than others.

"There's a saying that when white America catches the cold, Black America catches the flu," Woods said. "And this impact of COVID-19 to us, was similar to that analogy, to where the less resources you have, the less you have to combat and deal with challenges such as COVID-19."

These are the types of perspectives Frank and Smith hope to collect as part of the Community History Project. Smith says Connecticut residents — especially people of color from Hartford, New Haven or Norwich — interested in being interviewed can contact her at samariya_smith@chs.org.

"This is creating history," Smith said. "This is creating history as we live it."

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Utilities

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Connecticut Gas "were some of the first utility companies in the region to suspend turn-offs due to nonpayment at the start of the pandemic."

The three companies helped customers take advantage of products, government assistance and services, such as interest-free payment plans, suspension of late

payment charges and referrals to assistance programs.

Spokeswoman Tricia Taskey Modifica said Eversource only recently received the information and is reviewing it.

"We have and continue to empathize with customers struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic and have fully complied with the PURA's directives in this area," she said. "In addition to imposing a moratorium on service disconnections, out of an abundance of

caution, we voluntarily suspended all new legal collections beginning March 13, 2020, which have not restarted."

Coleman said Friday her office initially looked at what the impact might be on a consumers' credit ratings for failing to pay a bill even when a moratorium allowed a lapse in payment. In the course of questions and discussions with housing and community officials the consumer counsel's office learned of wage garnishments

and demands for payment, she said.

Avangrid sought recovery of payment from more customers because its electricity and gas services cover Bridgeport and New Haven, home to large communities of low-income residents who were particularly vulnerable to COVID-19's hit to the economy.

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SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

A caption published on **Page 6** of Thursday's News section with a story about the Republican effort to win control of the U.S. Senate incorrectly said Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., released a plan to cut taxes for low-income Americans and seniors. His plan would raise their taxes.

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Investor Boot Camp 2022

Many of you have asked about how to start investing, so here is my version of Investor Boot Camp 2022. I have framed it as a series of questions to ask yourself.

Am I ready to invest? Before you build the house, you need a foundation. In the case of your investment house, the foundation starts with creating an emergency reserve fund of six to 12 months of living expenses, paying down debt like credit cards or student loans, and then turning to retirement planning/investing.

Should I invest if I have debt? If you have a retirement plan that provides a match, yes, up to the match. Direct any extra cash flow towards debt payoff because it can often be a great investment. Think of it this way: If you have a credit card balance that costs 15%, paying it down is the best guaranteed, risk-free return you will find. With most student loans at 6% or so, paying them down usually makes more sense than risking those same dollars in the markets.

Do I have a retirement plan at work? If yes, then the workplace plan will be the easiest way to start investing, because it automatically pulls money from your paycheck and directs it into investments of your choosing — and some provide matching contributions.

What if I don't have a plan through work? You can open an IRA or Roth IRA at any brokerage firm, bank or through an app. Then set up an automatic transfer from your checking or savings into the IRA account. This year, the limit is \$6,000 (\$7,000 if over age 50).

How should I invest the money? The basic concept of not putting all your eggs in the same basket applies to investing — we call it diversification, which allows you to spread out risk among different types of investments. The most common are stocks (ownership in a publicly traded company), bonds (loans to companies, cities or governments), commodities (gold, oil), real estate and money markets (cash). Most investment companies will help you create an allocation that is consistent with when you need your money and your risk tolerance. You should rebalance your accounts regularly (once or twice a year) so that your allocation remains in line with the original percentages. Many retirement plans offer automatic rebalancing, which you should use.

How do I select the "right" investments for me? In retirement plans, you will usually find a menu of mutual funds, which are pooled investments that allow you to own a sliver of each of the desired assets. The cheapest are those that track an established stock, bond or commodity index (i.e., the S&P 500). These cost far less than actively managed funds and over the long term, perform at least as well — and in many cases, better than actively traded funds, where investment pros try, though rarely succeed, in beating the index's performance. You can also use Target Date Funds, where an investment company allocates the investments on your behalf, according to your intended retirement date.

Where should I open an IRA? Wherever you can find cheap index funds, so consider Vanguard, Charles Schwab, Fidelity, E*Trade or TD Ameritrade. You can also check out "robo-advisors," which are automated systems that make it easy to invest. Robos prompt you to complete an online questionnaire, which considers your financial goals, time horizon and risk tolerance. Based on your responses, the software slots you into the most appropriate portfolio. Robo fees range from 0.2%-0.5% of the account value every year. Many of the firms above have robo options, as does Betterment and SoFi; some of them also offer financial advice.

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Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, speaks following the annual shareholders meeting in 2019. NATI HARNIK/AP

'We employ decent and talented people — NO JERKS'

In 8 words, Warren Buffett reveals a crucial truth most people never quite believe

By Bill Murphy Jr. | Inc.

This is a story about Warren Buffett's latest Berkshire Hathaway shareholder letter, and one of the biggest clichés in business. In fact, if you follow top business leaders, I'm sure you've heard it over and over:

"Our people are our strength."

Or "It's all of you — the employees, the shareholders, the stakeholders, the people — who make this possible."

Or "We can't do any of this without our people."

You've probably heard it until (sadly) you're not sure that the business leaders themselves actually believe it.

Remember that sentiment. We'll circle back to it. For the moment, however, let's talk about Buffett's most recent letter.

Just like every year, there's a lot packed into it. We can start with the numbers: the \$90 billion in net earnings that Berkshire reported during 2021, and the \$3.3 billion in federal taxes the company paid, which turns out to about .8% of all federal corporate income taxes collected by the U.S. Treasury.

Also, as he has done in recent years, Buffett worked through updates on the "Big Four" giant holdings that currently comprise Berkshire's biggest investments: its insurance companies; the 5.55% stake it holds in Apple; railroad operations; and its energy operations, Berkshire Hathaway Energy.

Now, I tend to scour this letter each year when it comes out, examining critically what Buffett includes, what he leaves out, and the little details he adds that make it more compelling than many corporate reports. This year, two things made me sit up and take notice as I read the letter for the second or third time.

The first is a passage that I'll quote

below, about the life and professional goals that Buffett says he encourages audiences of university students to pursue.

The second is the long list of individual people Buffett mentions — some of them expected, but really two who stood out on my later readings.

Let's cite the passage first. Buffett says that when he talks with university students, he advises them to try to seek employment in whatever field interests them most, but while working only with "the kind of people they would select if they had no need for money."

Yes, he acknowledges, financial considerations can get in the way. But Buffett, who is now 91 years old (his longtime COO and partner, Charlie Munger, is 98), says he's learned that if you do eventually find that situation, then "work" no longer feels like work.

He continues: "Charlie and I, ourselves, followed that liberating course after a few early stumbles. ... [A]t Berkshire, we found what we love to do.

"With very few exceptions, we have now 'worked' for many decades with people whom we like and trust. It's a joy in life ... In our home office, we employ decent and talented people — no jerks. Turnover averages, perhaps, one person per year."

Do you see what I'm getting at? Really, it's those eight words: "We employ decent and talented people — no jerks."

So many business leaders talk the good game we've seen above. But it's hard sometimes to really, truly believe (and act on the belief) that "our people are our biggest asset."

It's one thing to share platitudes; it's another to have the courage to act from that belief when, say, your need for a specific skill set bumps up against your "no jerks" policy.

Here's the second small detail that stood out to me: the people Buffett takes the time to mention by name. Certainly, some of these are to be expected. Munger is mentioned by name 15 times; Apple's Tim Cook gets only one mention, but Buffett describes him as "brilliant."

Plus, there are vignettes about Ajit Jain and Greg Abel, the top Berkshire executives who were mentioned for years as potential heirs to Buffett himself. Abel got the nod last year, so perhaps that's why Buffett spends time on Jain first, offering a folksy recollection of what it was like to hire him: "We first met on a Saturday morning, and I quickly asked Ajit what his insurance experience had been. He replied, 'None.'

"I said, 'Nobody's perfect,' and hired him. That was my lucky day: Ajit actually was as perfect a choice as could have been made. Better yet, he continues to be, 35 years later."

Yet two other names jump out. Buffett devotes nearly 1,000 words of this 4,500-word letter to the memory of Paul Andrews, who was the founder and CEO of Berkshire subsidiary TTI, and who died about a year ago at age 78.

Finally, there's one more person mentioned by name that I think drives home the point. When Buffett talks about another important acquisition, he makes a point of including this otherwise superfluous line: "Deb Bosanek, my assistant, scheduled our board's opening dinner ..."

People who follow Buffett closely already know who Bosanek is. Still, it's striking to me that Buffett is describing a meeting that took place 12 years ago, yet he goes into an aside about who made the travel and dinner arrangements, simply so that he can include his assistant's name in the document.

I hope we'll have many more years of Buffett writing these letters, but this one stands out for helping to peel away just a small bit of the skepticism that many of us feel when we hear a CEO say something like, "Our people are our greatest asset."

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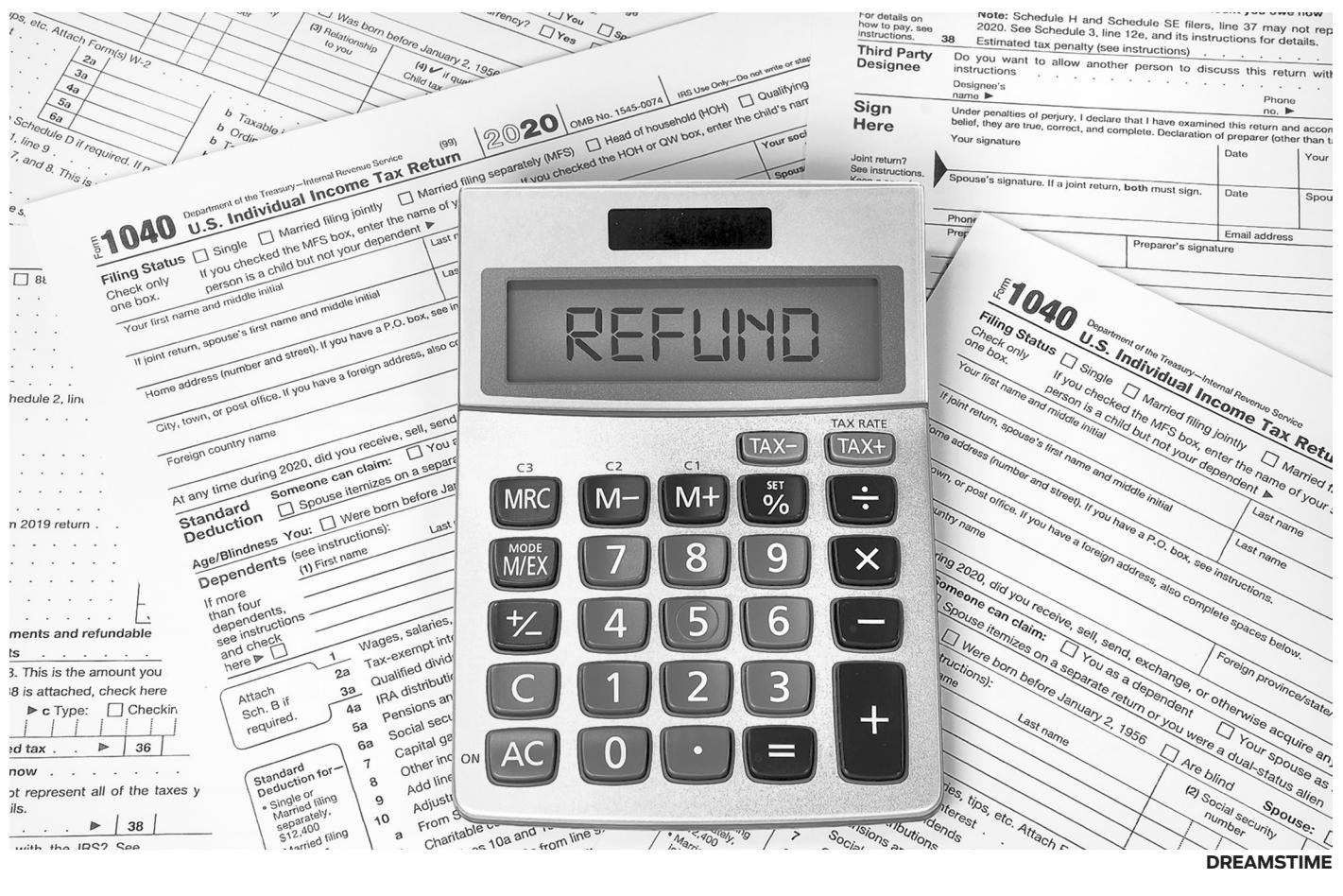
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Last call for mortgage refinancing

If you waited and waited to refinance your mortgage, only to see rates rise recently, you now may have one last chance. But it's a narrow window. The Fed has made headlines, promising to raise rates enough to control spiraling inflation. The war in Ukraine will make inflation worse as oil prices soar along with grains and soybeans. And inflation inevitably brings higher interest rates.

The one quick mortgage rate opportunity has come because the money has flooded into buying U.S. Treasury securities, widely viewed as the safest haven in the world, temporarily pushing Treasury yields down — and causing mortgage rates to dip slightly. So whether you're trying to refinance or buy a new home, here are some things to consider.

Mortgage rates: A 30-year fixed rate mortgage still costs about 4.25% as I write. A 15-year mortgage has a lower rate of about 3.625%. Many who want to refinance will do just fine with a shorter-term mortgage at the lower rate.

If that monthly payment is too expensive, you might consider a 10-year adjustable-rate mortgage that is amortized (payment scheduled) over 30 years. Today you could lock in a rate of just over 3% for 10 years. But at the end of that period, the rate could jump to as much as 8%. This deal is best if you know you're going to be in the home for only a few years.

Mortgage rates change daily. To get a good idea of the current rates, for either a new purchase or refi in your zipcode, go to Bankrate.com. But no matter what the current rate, the long-term trend is up.

Advice for buyers: If you haven't been in the mortgage market lately either to refi or to buy a home, you need to know how things have changed. This is a very tight market, with many homes selling over the list price, and bidding wars are common.

Leslie Struthers, senior loan officer at GuaranteedRate (Leslie@Rate.com), has some advice for buyers in this tight market.

First, she advises that you get fully approved before you start home shopping. That means a loan officer has pulled your credit and looked at your financial documents. Then the lender will give you a "conditional loan commitment letter" — meaning you are approved with only the caveat that the home must appraise for the purchase price.

This means you are almost as good as a "cash buyer" — subject only to the appraisal and terms of the contract. An aggressive buyer can agree to pay cash for the difference if the home doesn't appraise for the full purchase price.

Second, Struthers says that, given the trend toward higher rates, you'll want to make sure your lender offers a "lock-and-shop" program. That is, you should have your rate locked in when you get the loan commitment. But if rates should drop before you close, make sure your lender commitment allows a renegotiation option.

And third, Struthers recommends adding an escalation clause to your offer in the case of multiple bids. That means the price you offer also includes an amount to which you're willing to escalate in a bidding war. You can either commit to a top price or agree to match or exceed the highest bidder by a certain dollar amount.

Finally, keep in mind that most mortgage deals in this tight market are set to close within 15 or 20 days — a very short time frame. However, Struthers says, it is common for the deal to include an agreement for the seller to "rent back" the home for an additional period of time for the buyers per-day mortgage cost. This allows time to organize the actual move on the part of both seller and buyer.

One last caveat: Forget making an offer with the sale of your current home as a contingency. It will knock you out of a deal.

It was only a decade ago that Americans were being foreclosed in record numbers. Now homes are viewed as a good hedge against inflation. And that's The Savage Truth.

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TAX QUESTIONS FROM READERS



Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

Q: In a recent column, you wrote that it is important to determine the cost basis of securities you sell, taking into consideration dividends you have already paid taxes on, so you don't report a higher profit than you should on your tax return. Doesn't the financial institution holding the securities have to report the amount of profit you made, if any, based on the updated basis?

A: Good question. The answer depends on whether your securities are "covered" or "noncovered."

If you own covered securities, your mutual fund company is required to report the cost basis to both you and the IRS after you sell them. If you own noncovered securities, your mutual fund company only has to report the cost basis to you.

What determines if the securities are covered or noncovered is the date of purchase. Financial firms were required to report cost basis to the IRS for individual stocks beginning Jan. 1, 2011, and for mutual funds, exchange-traded funds

and dividend reinvestment plans (DRIPs) beginning Jan. 1, 2012. If you bought your securities before those respective dates, the securities are noncovered. If you bought them on or after those dates, they are covered.

If you do have to compute the basis of securities you sold after receiving dividends/capital gains, see IRS instructions for Form 1099-B. You should also consider using an experienced tax preparer.

Please note this warning about noncovered securities from the financial firm Wealthfront: "If you do not report your cost basis to the IRS, the IRS considers your securities to have been sold at a 100% capital gain, which can result in a higher tax liability."

Wealthfront also cautions, "Your employer stock may also be considered a noncovered security."

Q: I spent a great deal of time being treated for cancer, visiting locations very distant from my home. Can I deduct the car expenses associated with these trips on my tax return?

A: You will be able to deduct the car expenses, as well as other expenses such as lodging and meals, if you itemize your deductions on your 2021 tax return. However, it will benefit you to do so only if the total amount of your itemized deductions is greater than the standard deduc-

tion you are entitled to.

You should determine all your allowable deductions, such as charitable deductions, state and local taxes, interest paid, medical and dental expenses, casualty and theft losses. The amount of deductions that exceed 7.5% of your adjusted gross income is deductible. See if that amount is greater than your standard deduction. If not, then you should take the standard deduction. The mileage allowance for car expenses for medical reasons on Schedule A for your 2021 return is \$0.16/mile.

Q: I would like to e-file my 2021 tax return using Turbo-Tax software. However, the IRS has still not processed my 2020 return, so the system will not allow me to e-file. Any solution? I would rather not file on paper, because I want my refund quickly.

A: According to some taxpayers, the IRS advocate office recommends entering zero for your prior-year adjusted gross income. Sometimes that works, and the system accepts e-filing. Try it. You have nothing to lose. If you have to paper file, send the return by certified mail to ensure that you can prove you filed on time to receive interest if the IRS does not process your return in a timely manner.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphaeliot@gmail.com.

Share your failures in a 'rejection résumé'

Stephanie Vozza

Fast Company

We all fail, and failure can result in some of the greatest lessons. But would you share those failures with potential employers? Most of us would give that idea a hard pass, but Eli Joseph, author of "The Perfect Rejection Résumé: A Reader's Guide to Building a Career Through Failure," suggests that you do just that by writing a "rejection résumé."

"Most people tell themselves not to think about the negative things in life," Joseph says. "When we talk about Elon Musk and other successful people, we talk about the ways they've succeeded. But they've all had failures, too. It's okay to fail. You can learn from your mistakes and rebound."

Joseph has had his share of rejections. Between 2014 and 2019, he submitted more than 1,200 applications to various schools, courses, colleges and jobs. He says the hundreds of rejections helped make him who he is today, which includes being a faculty member at the Columbia University School of Professional Studies — a school that rejected his application as a student. Realizing that his failures lead to successes, Joseph decided to document them and make them public by posting a rejection résumé on LinkedIn.

"Rejection and failure are never perfect,



but they are perfectly aligned with your story," he says.

From the time you started applying to colleges, you've likely had some successes and failures. Joseph suggests jotting them down and creating a résumé from it.

"Start just like a regular résumé," he says. "State your objectives or your purpose. Write down how many courses you failed, how many schools rejected you, how many times you were fired from a job, and how many jobs you didn't get. Then, lo and behold, you will have a good solid résumé of your trials and tribulations."

Your rejection résumé can be a compass when plan A doesn't work. "When you jot

it down and have documented proof that your original plans don't work, you can cultivate some alternatives," Joseph says. "You may decide being an employee for certain jobs or organizations is not working out. Or you may want to become an entrepreneur. Try to decipher what you could have done differently."

While you can keep this information to yourself, Joseph challenges people to share their rejection résumé on LinkedIn as a unique way to build a network and potentially find new job offers.

"When people post their struggles, it often resonates with a lot of others," he says. "It says, 'Here are the jobs and organizations that have rejected me, but I'm still here. I'm still optimistic about my future.' If your connections or followers on LinkedIn relate to your story, perhaps it may go viral. You could have offers coming from the same organizations that have rejected you."

Sharing your failures can also be helpful for other people and their path to finding success. "I get feedback from others who have failed, trying to do similar things to what I tried," Joseph says. "When they see my struggles and how many times I failed, it feels reassuring to them. And when they look at the positive and good in my profile today, it can serve as inspiration. Use failures as navigation. Stay the course. Things will get better."

SOURCE: Larry Alton, Inc.

How to make every cent count when you're just starting out

If you're trying to operate on a razor-thin budget, or if you just want to remain as lean as possible, it's important to

cut startup and initial operation expenses. How can you do it without jeopardizing the structure of your business?



Go remote: There are still some lingering concerns about working remotely and employee productivity, but don't let that stop you; for many businesses, the remote model is not only more cost-effective, it's also more productive. While you're at it, consider going paperless. If your business can operate exclusively in the digital realm, you'll end up saving thousands of dollars per month.



Bundle services and buy in bulk: You should also try to bundle services and buy in bulk, if given the opportunity. Most companies are willing to provide a lower per-unit price to people who buy a greater quantity, since they can incentivize bigger purchases and ultimately make more profit. Ask if there are any bulk discounts or bundles available.



Minimize your staffing: Payroll is going to be one of your biggest expenses when starting a business, but there's no reason to let this get out of control. Many entrepreneurs, especially new ones, are tempted to hire robust teams from the outset, but if you can get by with a skeleton crew, try to minimize your hires. If you need extra support beyond your full-time team, consider enlisting the help of contractors and outsourcing.



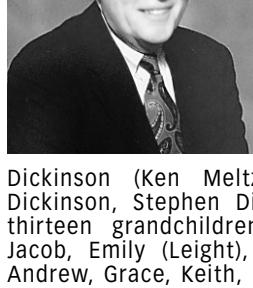
Rely on open-source software: You could pay hundreds, or even thousands of dollars per month for the core software your business needs, or you could choose an open-source alternative for free. There are some risks and downsides to open-source software, but it's a viable option for many applications and most businesses.

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

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| East Hampton | Ronald T. Porzio |
| Douglas C. Repoli | Portland |
| Mark Steiner | Mark Steiner |
| Dorothy L. Turnel | Rocky Hill |
| William C. Turner, Jr. | Maria Caramelo |
| Enfield | James Lamarre |
| Nazzareno Aquilio | Ann P. Syme |
| Glastonbury | Simsbury |
| Beverly Clough | Ronald T. Anastasio |
| Joan Dean | Paul E. Hudson |
| Harold C. Mazur | Norman E. Stanley |
| Ann P. Syme | South Windsor |
| Hartford | Kathleen J. Ceppetelli |
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| Natashia I Hall | Southington |
| Joan H. Hinz | Eric Budris |
| Sandra Ann Linfert | Alice M. Mockler |
| Harold C. Mazur | Suffield |
| Ryan J. McKain | Mary Anne Zak |
| Susan Rosenberg | Torrington |
| April D. Slade | Linda R. Thompson |
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| J. Albert Trudeau | Mary L. Armstrong |
| | Sharon A. Kurpen |
| | Ryan J. McKain |
| | April D. Slade |
| | Yvonne M. Sutton |

* Denotes name listing only.

Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES**Dickinson, Theodore P.**

Theodore P. Dickinson "Ted," age 86, of Cheshire, CT, and Nokomis, FL, died at Sarasota Memorial Hospital on February 16, 2022. Born on March 16, 1935, in Waterbury, CT, Ted was the son of the late Margaret (McAdam) and Theodore F. Dickinson. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve "Penny" (Mann), his five children, Sharon Dickinson (Ken Meltz), Susan Budris (Ed), Mark Dickinson, Stephen Dickinson, Marcia Arneson, and thirteen grandchildren: Anne (Philip), Jesse, John, Jacob, Emily (Leight), Patrick, David, Brian, Jeffrey, Andrew, Grace, Keith, Katherine. He was predeceased by his grandson Michael and his sister and brother-in-law Margaret and Thomas Golden. Ted was a US Navy Veteran, having served in the United States Naval Construction Battalions, better known as the Seabees, in the 1950s. He was employed by Chandler Evans, West Hartford, CT, in the Missile Systems Division for forty years and retired as a vice president and general manager in 1999. He attended Kansas State College, George Washington University, and the Hartford Graduate Center of RPI. Ted was very active in community affairs, serving on the Cheshire Town Council, Board of Education, and Democratic Town Committee. He was one of the developers of the Community Development Action Plan (CDAP), a member of the Charter Revision Commission, Chair of the Cheshire Ecumenical Committee, and was active with the Boy Scouts, working with them on their citizenship badges. One of his proudest accomplishments on the Board of Education was the provision of free drivers' education for public school students. He was a communicant at Saint Bridget Parish in Cheshire Connecticut and Epiphany Cathedral Catholic Church in Venice Florida. Neighbors referred to him as the life of the neighborhood, a great guy with a quick sense of humor and a ready laugh. Ted was a life-long natural athlete, enjoying baseball, basketball, and ice skating in his younger years. He loved to create an ice-skating rink in the backyard when his children were young and probably spent as much or more time carefully tying laces as actually skating. With the passage of time and the aging of joints, he immersed himself in the game of golf, playing three times a week in retirement. He and Penny were members of Mission Valley Golf & Country Club in Nokomis Florida, enjoying many long-time friends and the staff at Mission Valley. As much as he loved golf, he loved his family more. He kept in constant contact with his grandchildren and children via all forms known to him: telephone, text messages, random articles he thought would bring a chuckle. But his favorite and most intentional communication was a card. Cards for birthdays, anniversaries, Halloween, Valentine's Day, and other occasions. He loved finding just the right card and saving it until the day approached. In memory of Ted, please consider sending a random card to someone you love, as a token of affection and good humor. If you have read this far, it might have occurred to you by now that Ted thrived on making connections. He was not a soloist but a leader among many; the consummate collaborator and facilitator. His family, work, community involvement and interests were all imbued with his joy for creating and sustaining friendship, doing for others, sharing laughter, and accomplishing good works. He was happiest when he was offering a friend (new or old) a drink or a meal, a warm handshake, a joke or funny story. He was blessed with intelligence and good looks, and he used them as tools to be an influence for good. The world is a better place because he was in it. He will be missed. Friends and family are invited to a Memorial Mass at Saint Bridget Parish in Cheshire Connecticut on March 19th at noon. Burial will take place privately.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**Dean, Joan (Mazza)**

Joan Mazza Dean, formerly of Chestnut Hill Road in Glastonbury, died on February 27th in Columbus, Ohio. She was 84 years old. Joan was married to Francis E. Dean for 45 years, until his death in 2009. Their home was a happy one; filled with parties, friends, loved ones and Joan's magnificent cooking. "Miss Mazza," as her husband called her, graduated from Hartford High in 1955, then worked over the years for the Burroughs Corporation, Travelers Insurance and the Glastonbury Tennis Club. She is survived by her stepchildren, Robert E. Dean of Los Angeles and Kathy Dean Buhagiar, who lives on St. Helena's Island, S.C. with her husband, Franz. She was pre-deceased by her stepchild Thomas F. Dean, whose widow, Leatrice Dean of Columbus, Ohio, cared for her with extraordinary devotion in the last months of Joan's life. At 11am on Monday, March 28, at St. Augustine's Church in South Glastonbury, a Mass will be celebrated for the repose of her lovely soul. Visit www.schoedinger.com to share memories or offer condolences.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**OBITUARIES****Griffen, Charles S.**

Charles S. Griffen, 90, of Bloomfield, formerly of West Hartford, transitioned from this life on March 8, 2022. He was born on March 30, 1931 in White Plains, N.Y. and was the son of the late Charles R. Griffen and Mary Ellen Sherwood.

Charles was predeceased by the love of his life, Prudence, and is survived by his son, Ned Griffen of Pawcatuck, and his daughter, Lisa Griffen, significant other of Philip Papadakis of West Hartford. His extended family includes his sister-in-law, Priscilla Scharnberg and Prue's nieces, Dianna Polnac and Laura Sanders and their families of Katy, Texas.

Locally he is survived by his niece Karen Brown, wife of Andy Verderame of Branford, and her three children, Jayson, Eric and Kevin.

Charles served in the United States Air Force and earned degrees across the country, including his MA in Library Science from the University of North Texas in 1968. His career would find him working for Rice University in Houston, the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M. and a 20-year tenure as the Head of the Business, Science and Technology Department at the Hartford Public Library.

Our family would like to highlight that our Dad was selfless, generous, humble and kind. A gentleman's gentleman, he wore a suit to church on Sundays, tipped his hat and never missed an opportunity to extend a personal expression of gratitude.

Dad navigated this life with an open heart and a generous spirit. He and our mother lovingly cared for over seventeen cats during their 54 years of marriage. He piled up large sacks of seed in the garage so that he could regularly feed birds, chipmunks and squirrels. He also quietly paid the mortgage of a friend in crisis, bought a doghouse for a homeless canine and always hoped that no one would notice.

We remember that Dad consistently put family first. There were family dinners every night of the week, Friday night board games and bedtime stories he read to us with happy, peaceful tones.

We also want to celebrate the dedication, selflessness and kindness our father showered on our Mom after she suffered a traumatic brain injury, followed by the onset of dementia. He loved and protected our Mom with such tenderness and dedication, whether it was keeping copious notes and organizing medications, or having "date nights" with her after she was moved into memory care and bringing her flowers for no special occasion.

Memories of our Dad would be incomplete without mention of his infectious laughter, his ability to recite nearly every line of the television series M*A*S*H, his spot on imitation of a foghorn, his love of old time radio shows, his commitment to his many volunteer positions, the joy he found in the beauty of Maine and New Mexico and the passion he possessed for his beloved Bloomfield Congregational Church.

Our family would like to thank both A and B Homecare Services and Seabury Care Now for the extraordinary care they provided to our Dad during the final season of his life.

We also want to thank treasured friends Barbara Durham and Kevin Ryan, as well as the Masonicare Hospice staff, for their kindness and support of both Dad and our family on the final leg of his journey.

A service of celebration for Charles' life will be held in the spring of 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bloomfield Congregational Church, Bloomfield, CT, Special Organ Fund, 10 Wintonbury Avenue, Bloomfield, CT, 06002 or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

We love you, W1GYR.

Thanks for loving us unconditionally.

Sheehan Hilborn Breen
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Greenberg, Beverly (Parks)

Beverly P. Greenberg passed away on March 7, 2022 at home in West Hartford, Connecticut, surrounded by her family. She was 81.

Born Beverly Lynn Parks on April 18, 1940 in Hartford, Connecticut, she was the daughter of Marion (Kamins) Parks and William Parks.

Beverly was a member of the inaugural, graduating class at Hall High School in West Hartford in 1958.

She was a proud alumna of Mount Holyoke College, from which she earned her bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in 1962. Her receipt of a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1963, was the beginning of a long and continuous commitment to education and community service.

As a teacher in the Glastonbury Public Schools, she relished the opportunity to nurture curiosity in her students and develop young readers, writers and critical thinkers. With a passion for education policy, she sought to eliminate the inequities in access to education. First elected to the West Hartford Board of Education in 1981, she served for eight years, three as chairperson. She was appointed to the Connecticut State Board of Education in 1989 where she served for 12 years, two as vice chair.

Beverly was an avid fan and supporter of the arts. Theater, music, dance, design, fine art, crafts...she enjoyed them all and appreciated all of the creators behind the finished works.

A life board member of Hartford Stage, she was involved for over forty years as a champion, fundraiser and audience member who appreciated every aspect of bringing a production to the stage. As a docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum, she helped others interpret and appreciate the museum's collection. Beverly was also a member of the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum Advisory Board.

Beverly served two terms on the board of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving from 2005 to 2014. Other board service included the Hartford Education Foundation, the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, West Hartford Community Television and Westledge School.

In 2014, she received the Woman Philanthropist of the Year award from the Aurora Women and Girls Foundation, an honor she cherished.

Her service, philanthropy and appreciation of the arts was complemented by effervescence and boundless energy. She kayaked, weight trained, did Pilates and tap danced from a young age, continuing into her seventies.

She was energized by relationships with others and grateful for strong friendships, some lasting from childhood.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Arnold Greenberg; her daughters, Dana and Sara Greenberg; her grandchildren, Joshua and Lily Shafer; and her brother and sister-in-law, David and Pamela Parks.

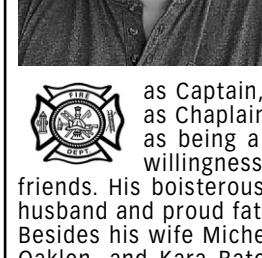
A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, March 10 at Beth El Temple, 2626 Albany Avenue in West Hartford with Rabbi James Rosen officiating. Masks required. Burial will follow in Beth El Temple Cemetery at 51 Jackson Street, Avon, CT. Immediately following the burial, the family will receive relatives and friends at Beth El Temple.

Shiva will be observed at the family's home, 47 Jillian Circle, West Hartford, on Thursday, March 10; Sunday, March 13; and Monday, March 14 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with a minyan at 7:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hartford Stage, 50 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103 (www.hartfordstage.org); Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, 10 Columbus Boulevard, 8th Floor, Hartford CT 06106 (www.hfpg.org); Beth El Temple, 2626 Albany Avenue West Hartford, CT 06117 (www.bethelwesthartford.org); or a recipient of the donor's choosing.

Arrangements are entrusted to Weinstein Mortuary, Hartford, CT. For further information, directions, or to sign the guest book for Beverly, please visit online at www.weinsteinmortuary.com.

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Lamarre, James "Jim"

James M. "Jim" Lamarre, 61, of Rocky Hill, beloved husband to Michele Bates, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, surrounded by his family and friends. Jim was born in Hartford on August 1, 1960 to the late Raymond and Marie Claire (Bousquet) Lamarre. He was a lifelong resident of Rocky Hill and graduated from Rocky Hill High School Class of 1978. Jim was part of a special group of friends that are still very close to this day. After graduating high school, Jim enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas where he was a sharpshooter and trained as a diesel mechanic. He earned the title of Specialist 4th Class in the 2nd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, aka "Hell on Wheels". Following his time in the service, he returned to his hometown of Rocky Hill where he was a valued mechanic at Nutmeg International in Hartford for many years before joining the Town of Rocky Hill as a Division Mechanic. Jim had a stellar work ethic, was known for his meticulous attention to detail, and took great pride in anything he was involved in. He spent over 28 years as a member of the Rocky Hill Fire Department, most recently serving

as Captain, a longtime member of the Benino-Beck VFW Post 2138 in Rocky Hill, where he also served as Chaplain, a member and Captain of the Middlesex County Dart Association for over 30 years as well as being a longtime member of the Connecticut Triumph Club. Jim was known for his kindness and willingness to help others at a drop of a dime. He loved telling stories of fun times with family and friends. His boisterous laugh was infectious, and you could not help but join in. Jim was a family man- a loving husband and proud father to his step-children, and a proud grandfather to his grandson.

Besides his wife Michele, Jim leaves behind his step-children, Chris Bates and Fiancé, Jazmin Smola and their son Oaklen, and Kara Bates and her boyfriend Jason Bielez. His siblings, Marietta Lamarre, Raymond Lamarre and Joseph Lamarre.

Friends and family may call on the Lamarre family from 4:00PM to 7:00PM on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Road, Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 10:00AM in Saint James Church, of Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish, 767 Elm Street, Rocky Hill, (all attendees are asked to go directly to church) followed by a burial with full military and fire department honors at the Rocky Hill Center Cemetery, Main Street, Rocky Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations to Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center are appreciated. To leave condolences, or for further information, please visit FarleySullivan.com.

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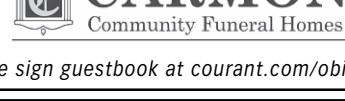
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OBITUARIES

Joy, William "Bill" S.



William "Bill" S. Joy had his wishes honored by dying at home on March 10, 2022. A man of integrity, quiet but strong, Bill lived side by side with his wife, Patricia Joy, "Trish" to only him, for nearly 66 years, with most of it on the top of a wooded hill surrounded by forests, ponds, and streams. Although Bill was a successful entrepreneur, owning and running Hartford Hospital Radio Systems until he sold it for retirement, his passions were exploring the natural world around him, traveling to and camping in the treasures of the US National Parks; creating a haven at his home for his family, welcoming friends and animals alike; and sharing the Adirondack camp which he built at Raquette Lake with all who were hearty enough to "rough it." Bill uniquely lived a life where plenty was always enough, purposeful hard work yielded fulfillment, and life's true bounty was in family and friends, to whom he fully and freely gave. Born October 15, 1925 and raised in West Hartford, Bill attended Hall High School and Bentley College and was a champion professional duckpin bowler. He met the light of his life, Trish, a nurse at Hartford Hospital, and they married on June 25, 1956. They moved to Granby where Bill created worlds of joy for their three children and their friends, as well as for their grandchildren. Bill is survived by his wife, Patricia, their daughters, Leslie J. Massa and Barbara J. Wetzel, and their husbands, Mark Massa and Mark Wetzel. He is predeceased by their son, Keith Joy. Bill is also survived by Keith's wife, Melissa Joy. He leaves behind his grandchildren Kevin (Caroline) and Jenny; Michael and Barbara; and Abigail (Drew), Liza (Brian), and Rosalie; as well as his great grandson, Thomas. A private memorial service will be held at a later date on their Granby property. In lieu of flowers, support your cherished nature-based cause or honor him by seeing him in a storm rolling out over the valley, hearing him in the crackling of a bonfire, feeling his presence as you would a gentle wind. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby has care of the arrangements. For condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

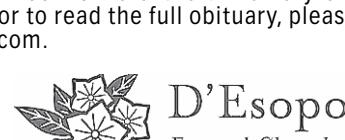


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Turmel, Dorothy L.



Dorothy "Dottie" (Lionti) Turmel, 92, a long-time resident of East Hartford, and loving wife of the late Fernand J. Turmel, passed away peacefully in her home on Monday, March 7, 2022. She was born on August 7, 1929 in Proctor, VT, daughter of the late Angelo and Concettina Lionti. After moving to Hartford in 1952, she soon met Fern, the love of her life, on a blind date. They married in 1953 and celebrated 52 wonderful years together. Dottie was a founder and communicant of St. Christopher Church in East Hartford, where she practiced her faith for 57 years. She took much pride in her family and home and thoroughly enjoyed being a wife and stay-at-home mom for nearly 20 years, creating many wonderful memories. In her early years, she worked as a stenographer for the Vermont Marble Co, the U.S. Coast Guard and Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, however, her most favorite endeavor was managing the Goodwin School library in the 1970s for six years as a paraprofessional. Dottie will be best remembered for her spirit of generosity which has touched many lives. Along with her parents and husband, Dottie was predeceased by her brothers, Rosario and Joseph Lionti, and her sisters, Connie Paquette and Vince Buzzell. She will be deeply missed by her daughter, Terese Turmel of Weehawken, NJ, her daughter and son-in-law, Dea and Brian Collins of East Hartford, several loving nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren, and several good friends and neighbors. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, March 16 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Christopher Church, 538 Brewer St, East Hartford. Burial will follow at Silver Lane Cemetery, East Hartford. Donations in Dottie's memory may be made to St. Edmund Campion Parish (St. Christopher Church), 544 Brewer St East Hartford, CT 06118. To share a memory of Dottie with her family or to read the full obituary, please visit www.desopoe.com.

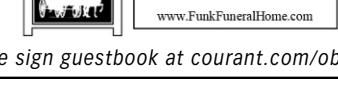


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Wadowski, Edward J.



Edward J. Wadowski, Jr., 74, of Bristol, beloved husband of Sue (Mahannah) Wadowski, died on Thursday (March 10, 2022) at home. Ed was born in Bristol on October 8, 1947 and was a son of the late Edward Wadowski, Sr. and Anna (Tyminski) Wadowski. A life-time Bristol resident, he graduated from Bristol Eastern High School in 1966. He served in the Connecticut Army National Guard and embarked on a career with Bristol Police Department, retiring as Detective. He then went to work for the Department of Corrections for 15 years. Ed was active in the community as member and president of the Bristol Retired Police Officers Association, past president of the Exchange Club, member of the American Legion Post 2, Bristol Elk's Lodge #1010, Bell City Rifle Club, 4C's Car Club, Citizens of Shawtown, and Fraternal Order of Police. He was an NRA instructor, was active with the American Red Cross as an instructor and member of the disaster response team and was a Bristol Police Explorer advisor. He was also an active member of the Boy Scouts of America serving in many roles. He enjoyed visiting their home in Ocala, FL, going to Disney, hosting his annual Labor Day picnic, restoring automobiles, going to car shows, doing jigsaw puzzles, and being an excellent Grandpa to Olivia and Brayden. In addition to his wife of 52 years, Ed is survived by a son: Dale Wadowski of Bristol; four sisters: Patricia Lanza of Bristol, Betty Irene Escalante of Satsuma, FL, Jane Sibley of Ocala, FL, and Anita Witlicki of Wolcott; two grandchildren: Olivia and Brayden Wadowski; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother: Richard J. Wadowski, Jr. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday (March 16, 2022) at 10 AM at St. Stanislaus Church, 510 West St, Bristol. Burial, with military honors, will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Relatives and friends may call at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol on Tuesday between 4 and 7 PM. In lieu of flowers give to BSA, Camp Workcoeman, c/o Citizens of Shawtown, Account #400, 169 Camp Workcoeman Rd, New Hartford, CT 06057. Please visit Ed's memorial web-site at www.FunkFuneralHome.com

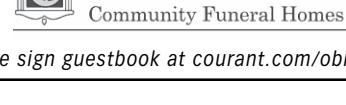


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Armstrong, Mary L.

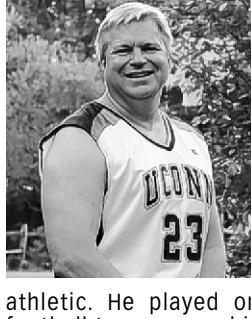


Mary L. Armstrong passed on March 7, 2022, peacefully at home. Mary L. Armstrong was born May 23, 1926, in Hartford, CT. She was predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Charles B. Armstrong. She was a loyal and active member of Mount Olive Baptist Church serving as an usher for many years and working in the food pantry to support the community. She was employed by G. Fox and Company as well as Cigna. Mary is survived by her daughter Valerie E. Hicks and her husband Robert Hicks II of Windsor, CT; two grandsons, Robert M. Hicks III and Charles B. Armstrong-Hicks and his wife Ashley Domaldo-Hicks of Massachusetts; three nieces, Patricia Smith, Linda Pelzer, and Diane Hayes; and six cousins, Carl Harrison II, Lisa Harrison Hall, Sterling Hall, Vanessa Reaves, Mark Reaves Sr., and Johnny Reaves Sr. Mary was predeceased by her sister Gertrude Jackson and her husband Charlie Jackson, and two cousins, Carl Harrison I, and Kathryn Harrison. Funeral Services will be held 12pm on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at the Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor, CT. The family will receive friends prior from 11am-12pm. Interment will take place in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT.



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Repoli, Douglas C.



Douglas C. Repoli, 61 of East Hampton, beloved father of Mikala and Kristen, passed away unexpectedly on March 1, 2022 at his home. Born in Hartford on March 29, 1960 to the late Francis and Dorothy (Pelletier) Repoli. Doug grew up and lived in Newington before moving to East Hampton. He always loved sports and was very athletic. He played on the baseball, basketball and football teams as a child and in college. Doug attended UCONN and graduated in 1982 with a degree in Economics. He was a lifelong UCONN sports fan, he also loved watching his teams, the Boston Celtics and Boston Red Sox. He worked doing carpentry and in the last 23 years as a manager at his family's restaurant, Mickey's Oceanic Grill in East Hartford. Everyone knew Doug at Mickey's, and they could count on a cheerful greeting along with a proud update on his daughter's lives. Doug always went to his daughter's events including basketball, girl scouts, soccer, dance recitals, car club shows and indoor/outdoor track and field.

Doug would often visit Markham Meadows campground to share fond memories with his extended family. Another one of his favorite things to do was go to car shows and the beach with his daughters. Maine was Doug's favorite family vacation destination. He always looked forward to celebrating Christmas time with his family and helped others get into the spirit of the holiday season. Cooking foods for his family or for special events was one of his well liked hobbies. When spring came around, Doug thoughtfully tended to his trees and flowers; the results of his efforts were rewarding. Many times after work he would enjoy walks with his 'Granddogs' Wolf and playing ball with Vegas.

He is survived by his daughters Mikala alongside her fiancé (Sal Esposito) and Kristen Repoli, his brothers and sister, Dennis and Pamela Repoli of South Glastonbury, Anne and Kurt Nyman of South Glastonbury, Daniel and Mary Ann Repoli of Glastonbury, and David Repoli of Tenafly, NJ, several nieces, nephews, cousins and many great friends. Doug was taken too soon and will be missed by all who knew him. There will be a wake held at the Spencer Funeral Home in East Hampton on Sunday, March 20th starting at 10am and the funeral will begin promptly at noon at the same place. All are welcome to the wake and funeral. The family requests those attending to wear a pop of color to commemorate Doug's cheerful personality. Later this spring, a celebration of life will be held at Markham Meadows Campground of East Hampton on a TBD date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the National Police Dog Foundation www.nationalpolicedogfoundation.org/donations as Doug had a high regard for police and he loved animals.

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Anastasio, Ronald T.



Ronald T. Anastasio, 80, of Simsbury, CT passed away on Wednesday, March 8 with family by his side after a year long battle with cancer. Born in New Britain, he was the son of Thomas and Laura (Ringwood) Anastasio of Kensington, CT and widower to Dorothy (Januck) Anastasio, the love of his life. A graduate of the Hartford Institute of Accounting, Ron spent the majority of his career as a controller working within the automobile industry which was fitting as he was a lifelong connoisseur of automobiles and spent many years as a car owner on the racing circuit. More important than anything else to Ron was his family. He was a pillar of strength to his wife and four children. A dedicated father, he coached girls softball, was an active member of his church community, and served as the President of Middlesex Youth Hockey for many years. A sports lover at heart, his grandchildren became the center of his being and he evolved into a super fan, regularly attending hockey and baseball games, as well as dance and acro performances, cross-country/ track meets, and cheer competitions. He affectionately became known as "Grandpa Ron" to dozens of local children and their families. He also loved spending time with his children and their families frequently visiting Ohio, Cape Cod and the Connecticut shore. Above all, he was a dedicated husband who shared many interests with his late wife, notably their love of classical music as they were longtime season ticket holders at the Bushnell Concert Series. For the past 5 years, he served on the Board of Commissions of the Simsbury Housing Authority and was an active member of the St. Mary's Parish community in Simsbury. Ron is survived by sons Michael (Kathryn) and Jeffrey (Jessica), daughters Lorraine (Steven) and Christine (Scott); and grandchildren Kayla, Logan, Kyle, Drew, Reid, Hunter, Gavin, and Emily. Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Church in Simsbury on Thursday, March 17th at 10:00 AM where a mass of Christian burial will be celebrated. Interment will be in St. John's Cemetery, Middletown. Friends may call at Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, on Wednesday, March 16th between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The Anastasio family expresses deep gratitude to Ron's exceptional care team led by Dr. Brian J. Byrne and to the caring in-home hospice care led by VNACare of Worcester County. Those who prefer may make contributions in his memory to the Hartford Healthcare Cancer Institute, 100 Grand Street, New Britain CT, 06050. Please visit Ron's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Sutton, Yvonne M. (Mekhitarian)



Yvonne M. Sutton, 92, of Windsor, beloved wife of George Sutton for 65 years, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 5, 2022. Yvonne was born in Framingham, MA, daughter of the late Vartan and Tillie (Kmon) Mekhitarian. She graduated from Hartford High School, Class of 1947, received her Associate's Degree from Hillyer College, and was employed with the State of Connecticut at the Veteran's Home & Hospital in Rocky Hill. Yvonne then embarked on the career that she was most proud of, that of being a wife and mother and grandmother. She worked in flexible positions while her daughter, Carol, was growing up, and later returned to the State of Connecticut with the Board of Trustees of Community Colleges, retiring after 38 years of dedicated service. Yvonne was a longtime communicant of Grace Episcopal Church in Windsor.

Yvonne was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-aunt, and dear friend. She will fondly be remembered as a giving and caring person who loved and treasured her family and friends. Holiday traditions and family gatherings were very important to her and she always prepared many specialties for the occasion. She leaves a legacy of beautiful memories that will live in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Yvonne always led a very active life, and she made the most of every day. When she was a young woman, she enjoyed camping at the Connecticut shore. Her family acquired her enthusiasm which led to many family camping trips up and down the East coast. Yvonne especially enjoyed Vermont, spending time in their log home and skiing into her seventies. She was also a skilled crafter, teaching ceramics in her home, and took pleasure in quilting, sewing, and needlework. She always looked forward to attending musicals, concerts, country fairs, and festivals with her family and friends.

Later, she and George had fun traveling together on many memorable trips throughout the United States, Canada, and several European countries.

In her retirement, Yvonne also delighted in spending time with her grandson, Matthew, and celebrated his many achievements. She and George would take him on many excursions, and especially loved their trips to Disney World, Yankee Stadium, and their Vermont home.

Yvonne enjoyed watching many sporting events over the years joining in her family's interests from Whalers hockey to Giants football, and UConn sports. In addition to her husband, George, Yvonne is survived by her loving daughter, Carol Pasqualoni and her husband Louis of Plainville; her grandson, Matthew Pasqualoni of Plainville; and many friends.

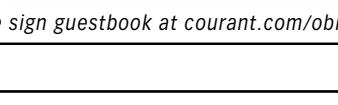
Besides her parents, she was predeceased by two brothers, Edmund P. Mekhitarian, who died during the Korean War, and Richard S. Mekhitarian.

Her family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 15, 12 p.m.-1 p.m., with a 1 p.m. Prayer Service, at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Her family kindly requests that all attendees wear masks.

Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Yvonne may be made to a charity of your choice or the Windsor Volunteer Ambulance, 340 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor.

To leave a condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

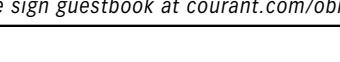


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Clough, Beverly (Pikula)



Beverly (Pikula) Clough, 85, of Glastonbury passed away peacefully on Friday, March 11, 2022. Beverly was born in Hartford and was the widow of Eugene A. Clough. She was the daughter of the late Frank and Marian (Dewey) Pikula, and was a member of St. Dunstan Church. "Bunny" was a proud graduate of Glastonbury High School's class of 1954, where she met (and went on to marry) her high school sweetheart, Gene. At the center of her world was her family; she never missed a sporting event, recital, play, or concert. Bunny could never wait for the next opportunity to create memories with her grandchildren. She loved hosting family gatherings, especially the annual Christmas gift exchange. Bunny was a woman of many talents. She was an amazing seamstress, baker and crafter, and she lovingly created treasured heirlooms for her friends and family. She never missed an opportunity to help plan a high school reunion, or to spend time with those she loved. Bunny was a kind and gentle soul who went out of her way to help those around her and to make everyone feel special. Bunny is survived by her two daughters, Debbie Viens and her husband Tim of Hebron; Dana Sanderson and her husband Craig of Glastonbury; her son David Clough and his wife Fiona of Hebron; her five grandchildren Megan and Maggie Sanderson, Heather and Jonathan Clough, and Amy Viens; her brother Gregory Pikula and his wife Jane of Florida; her sister-in-law Janet Pikula; many beloved nieces and nephews; cherished life-long friends; and her rescue cat, Daisy. Bunny was predeceased by her brother, Robert Pikula, her sister-in-law Janice and her husband, Dan, and her brother-in-law Bob and his wife, Joanne. The family would like to thank the wonderful CNAs, nurses, and staff of Manchester Manor for their loving and compassionate care, and Masonicare for the comfort they provided Bunny. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity near and dear to Bunny's heart: Protectors of Animals (144 Main St., Unit O, East Hartford, CT 06118). Funeral services and burial will be at the convenience of the family. Friends may call on Monday, March 14, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com



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Thompson, Linda Rose

6/28/1952 - 2/22/2022

Linda Rose Thompson peacefully passed away Tuesday, February 22. She was a loving, kind, generous angel on earth with a heart of gold. She will be remembered for her bright spirit & willingness to always help someone in need. To know her was to love her. She is survived by her two best friends; devoted husband, James, married 41 years, and loving daughter, Jamie Lynn.

Private ceremony will be at a later date.

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Kalencik, Steven M.

Steven Mark Kalencik of Middletown, CT, died peacefully at home on March 6, 2022, at age 58. Steve lived independently as a high functioning quadriplegic for 43 years, following a tragic 4th of July diving accident at the age of 15. After many months at Newington Children's Hospital, he graduated on time with the Rocky Hill High School Class of 1982. At the age of 17, he was driving his first car with hand controls, giving him independence that would define his future. At the age of 18 he was living independently in his first apartment. Steve received his Bachelor of Science degree from Southern CT State University in 2001. He worked as a Social Worker for many years, always serving senior citizens. He especially enjoyed his time with The Towers in New Haven and the Newington Housing Authority where he served as their Resident Services Coordinator. For several years following his early retirement, he enjoyed his quiet time at home with his many feline companions, while keeping in touch with friends and enjoying time with family. He was a talented artist, a model train enthusiast, and he loved baking. He had fond memories of being a member of the CT Jammers Quad Rugby team. Steve was predeceased by his beloved parents Millie Foster and William Kalencik. He is survived by his siblings Billy, Larry, Michael, Cindy, and Mary; his step-siblings Karen, John, and Mike; many nieces and nephews; and his special friend Kim Fowler (Gagnon), his High School Junior Prom date. During Steven's lifetime, his family, especially his Mom, Mary, Karen, and Cindy, who was there the very end for him, were his greatest support, and he loved them all dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial gifts be made to Pieper Olson Veterinary Hospital, 730 Randolph Rd., Middletown, CT or the Rocky Hill United Methodist Church, 623 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Noon at the Rocky Hill United Methodist Church, 623 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT. In the spirit of the Methodist tradition, please feel free to bring a dish to share in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

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Linfert, Sandra Ann

Sandra Ann Linfert, age 79, best known as Sandy, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2022, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Sandy was born on June 5, 1942, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, the daughter of John Yorkin, Sr., and Matilda Kaledas Yorkin. She grew up with her family in Devon, Connecticut, a small town on the Connecticut shore. Sandy valued education and earned her BA at the University of Connecticut. She had a pioneering career in Information Technology with over 30 years in the field. In the latter years of her career, she worked as a data architect & consultant to Fortune 500 companies.

Sandy also had a creative side. Throughout her life, she made beautiful artwork as a fine artist. She worked in acrylics, watercolors, pastels, colored pencils, and collages. She was an avid gardener and an expert cook. Sandy took great pride in having voted in every election she could and loved a good political debate. She was a passionate reader with an insatiable thirst for knowledge and a penchant for "all things science." Even in her later years, Sandy was constantly challenging herself to learn new things, be it trying to tackle quantum computing, discovering an artist new to her, or taking online history classes.

Sandy loved her family deeply and was a very proud mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her father John Yorkin, Sr., her mother Matilda Kaledas Yorkin, and her brother John Yorkin, Jr.

She is survived by her children: Abbey Linfert (Chris Amsler), Doug Linfert (Kimberly Linfert), and Jeff Linfert (Kelly Linfert), her grandchildren: Brian Linfert, Caleb Linfert, Ellis Linfert, and Karsten Linfert, and her nephews: Andy Yorkin (Sheila Yorkin) and Tim Yorkin (Jennifer Norris).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Alive Hospice, Attn: Sandy Linfert Memorial Scholarship for Enrichment, 1718 Patterson St. Nashville TN 37203.

Cremation Society of Tennessee is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences can be given to the family by visiting cremationsocietyoftn.com.

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Soucy, Marie (Michaud)

Marie (Michaud) Soucy, 91, wife of the late Walter Soucy, of Bluffton, SC, formerly of Wethersfield, passed away on March 7, 2022 in NHC Healthcare of Bluffton. She was born in Fort Kent, ME, daughter of the late Camille and Jeanette (Pelletier) Michaud. Prior to her retirement, Marie was an Office Manager for Bond Bread of Hartford. She enjoyed making ceramics, each family member still has a Santa she made for them. Marie also enjoyed baking and cooking. She would bake people's favorite dishes specifically for them and made traditional French meals. Her greatest love in life were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marie will be greatly missed by her children, Ken Soucy and his wife Trudy of SC, Barbara Long and her husband Michael of Wethersfield, Peter Soucy and his fiancee Sue DeLoach of SC, Paul Soucy and his wife Lois Abbiate, of SC, her grandchildren, Michelle Marzi and husband Michael, David Soucy and his fiancee Gaby Mota, Michael Long and wife Lindsey, Kaitlin Vallera and husband Daniel, Eric Soucy and wife Heather, Bryan Soucy, Melissa Braidich and husband Jason and Mia Soucy and husband Mick Ferrero. She also leaves her great-grandchildren, Antonio, Christopher, Jorden, Evan, Madelyn, Fiona, Michael, Landon, Taylor, Lily, Grace, Stella, Hudson and Hendrix. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her son Michael, her daughter-in-law Laurie, her four sisters and brother. Friends may call on Monday March 14, 2022 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Road, Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Marie's life will be held at 11:00 AM in Corpus Christi Church of Christ the King Parish, 601 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Connecticut Children's Hospital, 282 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106. To extend condolences, please visit Farleysullivan.com.

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Porzio, Ronald T.

Ronald Theodore Porzio passed away on March 5th, 2020. A service will be announced at a later date. Sherman-Campbell Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

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Pepe, Nicholas J.

Nicholas J. Pepe, 73, of Newington, passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Hartford Hospital surrounded by his family. Born in New Britain to parents John and Anglyn (Gagliardi) Pepe, Nicholas was a resident of Berlin for 37 years and has been a resident of Newington for 36 years. With a Master's degree in education from Central Connecticut State University, Nicholas began his career as a teacher in Bristol, CT and retired in 2020 after over 35 years teaching social studies at McGee Middle School in Berlin, CT. He was an avid sports fan and coached baseball, basketball, and football at Berlin Schools for decades, as well as other high schools throughout his coaching career. In his retirement, he enjoyed substitute teaching.

Through his childhood, Nicholas was a member of Saint Paul's Church in Kensington, and as an adult, Holy Spirit Church in Newington. Nicholas was a loving father who took great pleasure in his children's activities and accomplishments. He was a member of the Italian Independent Political Club in Kensington since 18 years of age, where he enjoyed playing cards with friends. His favorite place was the Connecticut shore with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Marjorie Pepe; daughter Elizabeth (Adam) Rizer; daughter Alyssa (George) Improglou; stepson Michael Santee; two grandchildren, Angellos and Billie; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, March 14, from 4-6 PM at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 15, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM at Saint Paul's Church, Berlin. Entombment will follow in Saint Mary's Cemetery, New Britain. Please share a memory of Nicholas with the family in the online guest book at www.ericksonhansenberlin.com

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Rhault, Robert J.

Robert Joseph Rhault, 75, passed away at home on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, after a brief illness. He was the loving husband of Karen Rhault, wife of 44 years.

Robert was born on January 10, 1947, in Bristol, a son of the late Leo & Claire Rhault. Robert was a loving and devoted husband and father. In addition to his wife Karen, he leaves his children, Kurt

Bragg and Karen of Naugatuck, Shanin Bragg of Bristol, Scott Rhault of Waterbury and Gina Harvey; grandchildren, Joseph and Michael Pierce of Naugatuck, Desirae Bragg and her boyfriend Nick Mastroianni of Southington, Blayne Bragg of Naugatuck, Amira Rhault, Jessica Miller, Lindsey Phillips and Cody Harvey. He also leaves behind siblings, Muriel Boulanger, Pearl Rhault, Richard Rhault, Leo Rhault and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Robert was predeceased by his sister Lucille Castiglione and brother Phillip Rhault.

Robert, also known to many as Uncle Bob, knew no strangers; anyone he met turned into a lifelong great friend. He was never one to shy away from a friend in need and was always willing to lend a hand. His family and friends were his entire world and he always made sure to remind them of that. Robert enjoyed every visit, phone call and moment spent with family and friends.

He was a Vietnam War Veteran proudly serving his country for 4 tours as a dignified Navy Seabee. Robert was a hardworking man, constantly working on projects, splitting wood or moving a trailer for a neighbor. He spent his summers camping by the fireside always with his canine companions close by. An avid animal lover, Robert leaves behind his puppy Bailey, but we take comfort knowing he has been reunited with both Katie and Molly. Robert was a kind man and will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

Calling hours will be held at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N Main St, Southington, on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 10am to 11am. A Celebration of Life Service will immediately follow at 11am. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory, a photo or directions please visit Robert's memorial page at www.dellavecchia.com

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Wood, Stuart S.

Stuart Sage Wood, 91, of East Haddam, husband of the late Joan Emeline (Webster) Wood, passed away peacefully on Wednesday March 9, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Dallas, TX, the son of the late Samuel S. and Genevieve (Holcomb) Wood. He is survived by his three daughters, Susan Hill and Larry Pitts of East Granby,

Sarah Donner of East Haddam, Johanna Bond and her husband David of Portland and sons-in-law, Michael Hill and Donald Donner. Stuart is also survived by nine grandchildren, Christopher Hill, Jillian Hill, Nicholas and Breanne Hill, Donnie and Hattie Donner, Rachael Donner, Austin Donner, Nathan Donner, Maddie Bond, Christian Bond; and nine great grandchildren. He proudly served the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer during the Korean War. Stuart dedicated over 30 years as a data processing manager with the Traveler's Insurance Company. After his retirement, he followed his passion and created his own company to assist small businesses with their IT solutions. Stuart was an amazing intellectual spirit who enjoyed deep and philosophical conversations. A man who was adopted, embraced the true meaning of love and family through experience, then taught all who surrounded him. He truly was a gentle giant whose love, passion and support of his family was unsurpassed. He dedicated his life wholeheartedly to his family, friends, and community. His impact on all who he touched through his amazing life can't be measured. Friends may visit with his family on Wednesday, Mar. 16th from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown. Afterward, the celebration of his life will begin at 6:30 P.M. at Sicily Coal Fired Pizza, 412 Main St., Middletown. Burial with military honors at Town Street Cemetery, East Haddam will be at the convenience of the family. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to American Red Cross at <https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html>. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Gail, Moreno Ann (Wefer)

Gail Ann Moreno, 80, passed away on Sunday, March 6 at Hartford Hospital after a long struggle with dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. She was born on Aug. 24, 1941 in Queens, NY, and graduated with a B.A. in History from Queens College in the early 60s (she remembers Simon and Garfunkel playing on campus and they weren't famous yet, so around then). Gail married Bill Moreno on June 12, 1965 in Staten Island, NY and they eventually settled in Wilbraham, MA in 1973 to raise their family.

After hauling two eventually grateful children kicking and screaming into near young adulthood, Gail restarted her career in insurance and retired as the head of the Claims Department at Health New England. She was active at Christ the King Church in Wilbraham, MA, and enjoyed spending time playing piano and working in her gardens. She and Bill loved to travel and filled their home with wonderful art, stained-glass, Shaker furniture and a frankly stunning amount of pottery.

Gail and Bill settled into their retirement years after moving to Enfield, CT. Gail spent her time volunteering for SHINE and doting beyond belief upon her granddaughters, who brightened her heart to no end. She leaves her family with wonderful memories of trips to Cape Cod and Higgins Beach, and of a woman whose lists ensured that no trip, regardless of destination, would never lack in fun or preparedness for when that fun could go sideways... or perhaps require flatware and matching napkins.

Gail is survived by her children, Melissa Cassells of Willington, CT and Bill Moreno, and his wife Mary of Gorham, ME; her grandchildren, Grace Cassells, and Elsie and Margaret Moreno (all of whom are still stuck with their nagging parents that aren't anywhere near as fun as Oma); as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband Bill and her sister Karen Methven.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org in Gail's honor. For online condolences please visit: www.pierrasfuneralhome.com

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Hinz, Joan Herndon

Joan Herndon Hinz died peacefully on March 2 at the age of 90 in Kennett Square PA.

Joan had a truly wonderful life, blessed throughout by family, adventure and the love of her devoted husband of 66 years, Carl Frederick "Fritz" Hinz, who predeceased her in 2019. Joan was above all a giver, with a life-long commitment to service, inclusivity and the well-being of others exemplified by her involvement in healthcare, church and community organizations, and the many lifelong friends she and Fritz formed are a testament to that quality. She and Fritz had a remarkable and inspiring partnership and were avid travelers, healers, birders, gardeners, scholars, and dancers during their many wonderful years together. Joan was born in on April 11, 1931, in New York City to Katherine and Thomas Herndon and grew up in Douglaston New York. An only child, she was cared for by her beloved Grandmother "Ma" and excelled in school from an early age, attending Queens College and then Columbia University School of Nursing where she received her BSN in 1953 and met Fritz, who was a medical resident. They married and settled in Cleveland Ohio where their four children were born, spent a sabbatical year in Stockholm Sweden in 1965 and then moved to Avon Connecticut where Joan returned to nursing, receiving a master's degree from the University of Connecticut and working as a Nurse Practitioner at UConn's Health Center for many years. Following retirement Joan and Fritz focused on travel and adventures, making lasting friends in many different places before moving to Kendal-Crosslands in Kennett Square PA in 2008. Joan is survived by her four children Betsy Howard (Steve), Richard (Rose Ho), Cathy McNally (Brian) and Gretchen Bartram (Darin), eleven grandchildren and many dear friends throughout the world. Contributions in Joan's memory can be made to the Hinz Fund at UConn foundation (www.foundation.uconn.edu/memorial-honorary-gifts/) or to Christ Church Christiana Hundred (www.churchde.org/giving). Condolences to www.longwoodfuneralhome.com

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Hall, Natachia I

Natachia Hall, of Htd CT, fell asleep in death 2/26/22, after a car accident. She was born 12/18/81 to mother Lourdes Rivera and predeceased by father Elgin Hall. Survived by five children Tywone Edwards Jr., Tylasia Edwards, Nigle Edwards, November Hodge, Saniyah Grandville, one sister Shamanique Hall and one grandfather King Hall.

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Tiffany, Eric D

Eric David Tiffany, 57, of West Hartford Connecticut passed away on February 18th, 2022. Husband of Valerie and father of Ethan. Graduate of Paul D. Schreiber High School in Port Washington, NY and Bucknell University, Eric held multiple degrees in engineering and business and was an expert in renewable and conventional energy. While at Munich Re Investment Group, Eric single-handedly built the successful renewable engineering practice, that still runs today on the foundation that he designed. His inherent artistic abilities, and creative spirit provided him with a vision to see and think about solutions in unconventional and brilliant ways. An excellent all-round athlete, he remained a sports enthusiast and unwavering fan of the New York Mets and Jets. Eric was proud of his lineage which included an American President and famed stained-glass designer, Louis Comfort Tiffany. Gifted with intelligence, talent, curiosity and wit, Eric had a passion for performance improvement, whether through challenging the status quo of a corporation, mentoring employees, educating himself, or helping his beloved son Ethan achieve his fullest potential. Driven to succeed in all he did with an infectious enthusiasm that spilled over to his steadfast support of Val's lifetime accomplishments. The pure joy he attained in attending every one of Ethan's football games was unparalleled. Remembered for his strength and devotion to his family, and for the loyalty, generosity and dedication to those he loved and cared for.

Eric is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 27 years Valerie Tiffany, precious son Ethan Tiffany and caring mother Ronnie Tiffany. He will be sadly missed by the Salsberg family, close cousins, nephews and the lifetime friends that he considered family. Preceded in death by father Lee Wilson Tiffany, brother Douglas Tiffany, grandmother Miriam Mark, grandfather Leo Mark, grandfather "Grandpa Gramps" Clyde C. Tiffany Jr., grandmother "Nana" Helen Mae (Wilson) Tiffany, uncle Joe Mark. A private memorial will be held at a later date. Contributions can be made to the Spondylitis Association of America, via their website at www.spondylitis.org or through Postal Service at Spondylitis Organization of America 16430 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 300 Encino CA 91436. Please be sure to mention Eric's name as honoree.

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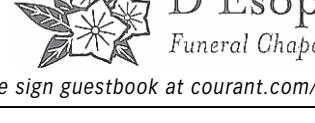
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Caramelo, Maria

Maria (Martins) Caramelo, 98, of Rocky Hill, beloved wife of the late Joaquin Caramelo and the late Joao Ramos, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Born in Fall River, MA on September 15, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Antonio and Joaquina (Lopes) Martins. Maria worked as a secretary in the insurance industry for many years. She was a founding member of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Hartford, where she enjoyed singing in the choir. She was also one of the founders of the Portuguese Club of Hartford. Maria enjoyed sewing and cooking for her family.

A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Maria will be forever missed by her four children, Daniel M. Pedra of Essex, Paul M. Pedra of Wethersfield, Hilda Theile and husband Frederick and Suzanna M. Farah and husband John, all of NJ; nine adored grandchildren and 12 cherished great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many dear nieces, nephews and extended family members. She was predeceased by her brother, Carlos Martins. Special thanks to the staff at Portland Care and Rehab who were so kind to Maria in her final days.

Funeral services will be private. To share a memory of Maria with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

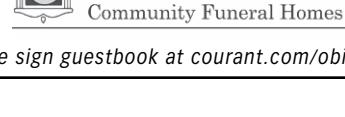


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McKain, Ryan J.

Ryan J. McKain, unexpectedly left the world joining the Heavenly Father on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at the age of 33. He was born on June 1, 1988 with his twin sister Sasha to the devoted mother Debbie McKain of Hartford, CT and Oliver McKain of Bloomfield, CT.

Ryan will be missed for his contagious smile, joyous laughter and charming personality. He has always exhibited unconditional love for his family and friends. He took pride in his appearance, enjoyed working on his car and loved listening to music. As a twin he was strong minded, determined and a protector of his family. Ryan was greeted in heaven by his grandparents Leahbelle & Horace Scott and Marie & Sydney McKain. He leaves to cherish his loving memories his twin sister Sasha (nephews Khalil & Kayson Blair), sister Roselyn, and two brothers Shawn & Isaiah McKain; five loving and adorable children, Rhani McKain, Amaya McKain, Khloe McKain, Rylee McKain and Ryan McKain Jr.; his lasting devoted fiancé Xylina Carter and three aunts, one uncle as well as a host of cousins and friends. Relatives and friends may join the family for a visitation on Monday, March 14, 2022 from 10 to 11 a.m. at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor, CT. A Homegoing Service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be held in Mountain View Cemetery. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

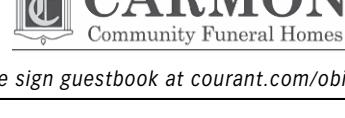


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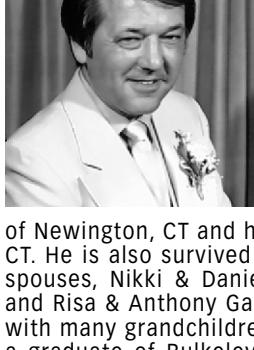
Shell, Eleanor Patricia

Eleanor Patricia (Shaw) Shell, 83, of New Britain Connecticut, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, March 7, 2022, with her family by her side. She was predeceased in death by her parents Dr. John P. Shaw and Dorothy (Williams) Shaw, son Elliott Alex Williams-Carr, brother Adrian Shaw, and sister Lessie Carr.

Eleanor leaves to embrace her legacy and precious memories her children, sons; Keith (Robin) Shaw, Dr. Steven L. (L. Paulette) Jordan, Blaine Shaw, Rogers Shell, and Lonnie (Ayodele) Shell, daughters; Dawn (Preston) Greenwood and Darlene (Luke) Frederick; and brothers John (Leslie) Shaw, David (Angela) Shaw and Michael Shaw; Aunt Earnease Daniels, 17 Grandchildren, 21 Great Grandchildren, Special daughters Lisa Carr, and Tayna Howard and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and loved ones. Homegoing Celebration will be held on Friday, March 18, 2022, at Bethesda Apostolic Church, 249 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT with the Suffragan Bishop Dale I. Shaw Sr., officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain, CT. Temperatures will be checked at the door and a mask is required. For the complete obituary and online condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Trudeau, J. Albert

J. Albert (Al) Trudeau, 86, of Newington, CT passed away peacefully, Monday, March 7, 2022. Born in Hartford, CT to the late Annette & Joseph Trudeau Sr. He was predeceased by his siblings, Violet, Raymond & Lorraine, as well as his beloved daughter, Diane Marie Trudeau. He is survived by his devoted loving wife, Rose Marie Trudeau of Newington, CT and his son, Mark Trudeau of Enfield, CT. He is also survived by his stepdaughters and their spouses, Nikki & Daniel Dubinsky of Long Island, NY and Risa & Anthony Gallicchio of Colchester, CT, along with many grandchildren and a great grandson. Al was a graduate of Bulkeley High School, Morse School of Business & Hartford Regional Technical School for Welding and then served in the US NAVY for 8 years. He went on to open his own welding business - Aerospace Welding & Manufacturing Company and ran it for 30 years with his late partner and friend George Lorence. Al's most proud achievement was the manufacturing of aerospace parts for the Apollo spacecraft. He was a lifetime member the Army Navy Club and longtime member of ELKS as well as a Member of Holy Spirit Church. In his later years, he also enjoyed restoring antique furniture and along with his wife ran "The Trellis" antique shop. He will be greatly missed by his family. A private service will be held at the family's request. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

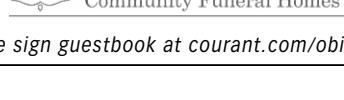
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Baez, Norberto H.

Norberto H. Baez, 92, of East Windsor, husband to the late Marie (Thibodeau) Baez, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. He was born on February 20, 1930, in Comerio, Puerto Rico, son to Alfredo Huertas and Christina Baez.

Norberto was raised in Puerto Rico where he completed his schooling. In the 1940's, he relocated to Connecticut where he resided in Hartford for most of his life until he moved to Windsor in the 1990's. Norberto was an accomplished, self-taught musician. He played all types of instruments from trumpet to piano and didn't just play them, but played them well. His kind and fun-loving demeanor made him well liked across the community. He lived his life to the fullest and had no regrets.

Norberto was predeceased by a son, Norberto A. Huertas, his parents and five siblings. He is survived by his three sons, Carlos M. Huertas and wife Ruth of Palmer, MA, Angel L. Huertas and his wife Grace of Bloomfield, and Jose F. Vazquez and his wife Nancy of Middletown; a step-daughter, Lynn Thibodeau of Enfield, a daughter-in-law, Layda Huertas of South Windsor; fifteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be private. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is in care of his arrangements. To leave an online message of condolence for his family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Gillies, Concettina (Pirruccio)

Concettina (Connie) Gillies (Pirruccio), 90, of Middletown, CT, passed on March 3, 2022. She was a lifelong Middletown resident, and was married for 65 years to Peter W. Gillies, who pre-deceased her in 2019. She was born in Middletown, the daughter of Angelo and Julia (DiGiandomenico) Pirruccio, and was predeceased by her brothers Salvatore and Raffe.

She is survived by her sons Peter (Diana Deyermenjian) of Reading, MA, Mark (Dr. Michele Garganof Raymond) of Ridgefield, CT, and her daughter, Stephanie McMurray (Edward) of Middletown, and six grandchildren, Andrew, John, Ray, Carl, Emma and Ava. She is also survived by many cousins, nephews, nieces and other relations and friends. She was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Middletown and the University of Connecticut, with Bachelors and Masters degrees in Biology. Until her retirement in 2005, she was an Associate Professor at the UConn Health Center in Farmington, where she managed the electron microscopy laboratory. She was very active in Catholic Women's organizations, including St. Theresa's Guild, the Norwich Diocese Council of Catholic Women, and the National Council of Catholic Women, and was an accomplished seamstress and gardener. She will be dearly missed by many. Visiting hours are from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2022 at D'Angelo Funeral Home at 22 South Main Street, Middletown, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Sebastian's Church at 155 Washington Street in Middletown. The family would like to thank the staff at the Village at South Farms in Middletown and Accent Care hospice for their compassionate care during Connie's last days.

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Hudson, Paul Eugene

Paul Eugene Hudson, 85, of Simsbury, beloved husband of Judith (Kausch) Hudson, died Monday, March 7, 2022 at McLean in Simsbury. He was born December 31, 1936 in McKees Rocks, PA, son of the late Elmer and Ether Hudson, and lived in Trumbull prior to moving to Simsbury 46 years ago. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a graduate

of Ohio University, having received his Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in 1963 and earned his Master of Arts in Labor and Industrial Relations from the University of Illinois in 1966 and had been a member of both schools' alumni associations. Mr. Hudson owned and operated The Hudson Group executive search firm for many years prior to his retirement. Paul was a former member of Berlin-Gorham, NH Jaycees having served as their president for many years. He enjoyed watching the New England Patriots, golf, fishing, had a great coin collection and loved music and dancing.

In addition to his beloved wife of 55 years, he is survived by his children Laura and Jim McClain of Ocracoke, NC; Maria and Micah McCauley of Somerville, MA; Christopher Hudson of Tariffville, Marcos Hudson of Tariffville and his grandchildren Iris and Duncan McClain of Ocracoke, NC and Micah Woo and Grace McCauley of Somerville, MA. He was predeceased by his cousin and foster mother, Mabel Lamb, foster aunt, Bertha Lamb, and 14 siblings.

Services will be private. Donations in his memory may be made to the Ohio University, 1 Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Paul's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

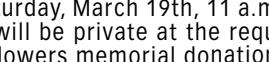
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Sanga, Marilee

Marilee "Lee" R. Sanga, 60, of South Windsor, passed unexpectedly on Monday, March 7, 2022, at home. Lee was born in Fort Wayne, IN, on October 18, 1961, daughter of the late Jack and Jeanne (Brunskill) Mettert. She grew up in New Haven and was a graduate of New Haven High School with the Class of 1980. Lee was an avid fan of the arts and was known for

her skill in watercolors. She loved Mel Brooks films, classic rock, summer days, and strong margaritas. She was a fierce and loyal friend who always had a kind word and bad joke for those who needed it. Lee had a great love for children, and often adopted anyone who came into her home. She loved her family more than anything and would talk about them to anyone who would listen. Along with her husband Jack of 34 years, she leaves her children, Olivia Sanga of Vernon, Drew Sanga of South Windsor, Daniel Sanga of South Windsor; her siblings, Kelly (Cathy) Mettert of Fort Wayne IN, Brian Mettert of New Haven IN, Teri (Tom) Voglewede of Matthews NC, and Michael (Lisa) Mettert of Indianapolis IN. She is also survived by those that called her their second mom, Jasmine Evans of South Windsor, and Grace Richard of South Windsor, and many, many others.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, March 18th from 5-8 p.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 19th, 11 a.m., in the funeral home. Burial will be private at the request of her family. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

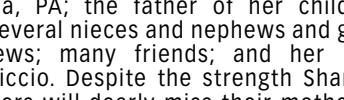


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Kurpen, Sharon Ann Turgeon

Sharon Ann (Turgeon) Kurpen, 75, of Windsor, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Born in Westbrook, Maine, daughter of the late Robert Turgeon and Ruth (Green) Shelly, Sharon was a lifelong Windsor resident. Family services were held in 2020 due to COVID with burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Poquonock. Sharon leaves her daughters Lisa Catarino Riccio and husband Anthony of Avon, Cynthia Langer and husband Robert of Barkhamsted; grandchildren Samantha and Cameron Riccio and Colby, Max, and Owen Langer; a brother and sister-in-law Robert and Kathleen Turgeon of Windsor Locks; sisters Gloria Tessier of South Carolina and Michele Frey of Philadelphia, PA; the father of her children Joseph Catarino; several nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews; many friends; and her life partner Nicholas Riccio. Despite the strength Sharon imbued, her daughters will dearly miss their mother's wisdom, support, and unconditional love. Her family would like to invite friends to share in a Celebration of Sharon's Life, Saturday, March 19, 2022, beginning with a service at 11 AM in the Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor followed by a luncheon with a special toast and time of sharing stories and memories in the Reception Center at the Lodge. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sharon's name to the Alumnae Association of the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing Scholarship Fund at 80 Seymour Street, Hartford, CT 06102.



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Rosenberg, Susan (Barron)

Susan Barron Rosenberg, 84 of Boulder, Colorado passed away on Sunday, February 6th at her home surrounded by her family. She was creative, intelligent, and loved her friends and family deeply.

Susan was born to George and Abigail Barron in Brooklyn, NY and spent the majority of her childhood in Hartford, CT. She met and married her husband Jack Rosenberg in Hartford in 1959. Both attended Weaver High School in Hartford. Susan and Jack Rosenberg raised their family on Long Island in Glen Head, NY where she owned and operated various businesses including an antiques shop and a gourmet bakery. She received her undergraduate degree from Connecticut Teachers College in 1959, and returned to school to receive an additional degree in Interior Design from Parsons School of Design in NY. The Rosenbergs moved to Boulder, CO in 2009 to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren. Susan is survived by her husband Jack of 62 years, daughters Sherri and Leslie, sister Nancy Posternak and grandchildren Charlotte and Georgia Wenig.

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Turner, Jr., William C.

William C. Turner, Jr. (Bill), 78, of East Hartford, entered into eternal rest on Monday, February 28, 2022. Bill was born on July 30, 1943, in Hartford, CT to the late William C. Turner, Sr. and Esther E. Cole - Turner.

A celebration of Bill's life will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 10:30am with a visitation from 8:30am to 10:30am at Union Baptist Church, 1921 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120. Interment will be held at Silver Lane Cemetery, 1350 Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT 06118. To leave a message of comfort for the Turner family, view the full obituary and live streaming of services, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Brother Carl Hardwick Institute located at the Wilson - Gray YMCA, 444 Albany Avenue, Hartford, CT 06120.



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Mazur, Harold C.

Harold C. Mazur, 90, died Sunday, March 6, 2022, in Hartford. Born in Hartford to Joseph and Catherine (Zmarzla) Mazur, Harold graduated from Hartford Public High School, served as a U.S. Army sergeant during the Korean War, and graduated from Providence College. From his first job shining shoes with his brothers at the Hartford Times, to installing carpets with his brother, John, to his employment with the Connecticut Labor Department Federal Credit Union from which he retired, Harold was hardworking, not to mention skilled at fixing nearly anything. A devout Catholic, he shared his faith throughout his life and was a daily communicant. Harold enjoyed traveling, especially to Maine where he met his future wife, Janice, at Old Orchard Beach in 1961. Ever congenial, Harold could strike up a conversation with anyone, anywhere. He was a loving and devoted father to Anne Pappalardo, Mary Ziomek, and Katherine Carlman. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Janice (Aguiar) Mazur, brothers Jerome, Gerard and Martin, and son-in-law Ralph Pappalardo. He leaves his three daughters, brother Daniel Mazur and his wife Ruth, brother John Mazur, sister-in-law Lorraine Mazur, son-in-law David Carlman, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Visiting hours will be Tues. 4-6p.m. at Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wed. (3/16) at 10a.m. at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church, Hartford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunk, Maine.

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Gustavson, Denise A (Rousseau)

Denise Anne Gustavson, 67, of Phenix City, Alabama, passed away peacefully at Piedmont Columbus Regional Hospital on March 9, 2022. A Private Memorial Service will be announced, at a later date, by the family.

Mrs. Gustavson was born in Hartford CT, the daughter of the late Joseph E. Rousseau and Mary Benware Rousseau.

Mrs. Gustavson enjoyed playing cards and the beach. She was known for hosting large family gatherings and providing the meals for all to enjoy. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Gustavson was preceded in death by her husband Allen Gustavson and one sister Loraine Roberts.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter Michelle Gustavson of Phenix City, AL; her son Jeff Gustavson and his wife Jess of Phenix City, AL; three grandchildren Joey Gustavson, Shawn Gustavson and Toria Thomas and her sister Joanne St. James and her husband Lou of Farmington, CT.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the COPD foundation at COPDfoundations.org. To sign the online guest register visit www.vancebrooksfuneralhome.net.

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Scoville, Harriet

Harriet Puffer Scoville passed away on March 9, 2022 in Brewster, Massachusetts. She was born February 24, 1926 in Hartford, Connecticut. Harriet leaves her son John Scoville (Mary Lou) of Northfield Vermont, and her daughter Carol Scoville Novak (Al) of Dorado Puerto Rico and Harwich Port, MA. Harriet raised her family in Somers, Ct and retired to Dennis, Massachusetts. She leaves several grandchildren; Sarah Scoville Menard (Steve) and their children Gracie and Jax of Beverly Ma., Andrew Mumford (Michele) and their daughter Mackenzie of Coventry, Ct. Ryan Powell (Morgan) and their son Brooks of San Rafael, Ca. Taylor Powell (Sarah) and their daughter Gianna of Palmetto Bay, Fl. And Jessica Wishnick (Josh) and their daughter Sloane of Dorado, Puerto Rico. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to American Cancer Society (cancer.org).

Funeral arrangements made by Chapman Funeral Home, Harwich Ma.

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Slade, April D

April D. Slade 40 of Hartford Connecticut sadly Departed her life February 26th 2022 visitation for family and friends Monday March 14th 2022 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church 46 Woodland Street Hartford Connecticut 06105 Repass will follow services

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Steiner, Mark

Mark Adam Steiner, 61, of Portland, CT. formerly of East Hampton, CT. passed away suddenly on Sunday February 27th, 2022, after a tragic car accident. Born in New York City, he was predeceased by his parents, Lawrence and Claire Steiner. He leaves behind his 2 children Sonoma Claire Steiner and Hunter Lawrence Steiner, and his ex-wife Valerie J. (Bouchard) Steiner of East Hampton, CT; his sister Jackie Cuesta and her husband Michael, and their two children Emilio and Mina of Long Island, NY; and his partner Diana Gualano of Farmington, CT. Mark grew up on Long Island, New York and later moved to Connecticut where he was a physical education teacher in the Hartford Public Schools for many years. Mark was an avid musician who wrote and performed his own music. He loved to play guitar, a talent his daughter Sonoma has picked up from him. He loved the outdoors and had a strong passion for fishing that he shared with and passed on to his son Hunter. Above all else, Mark's greatest love was his children and he enjoyed spending time with them.

In the best interest of the children, the family has elected not to have funeral services at this time. A celebration of Mark's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Mark A. Steiner Scholarship Fund that has been set up for his children's education. Donations can be sent c/o 21 Curry Lane, East Hampton, CT. 06424, or brought to any Webster Bank Location in Connecticut. A GoFundMe page has also been set up for the family under the name "Steiner Children College Fund". Please take a moment to sign the guest book and share a memory or note of sympathy with the family by accessing the Spencer Funeral Home website at www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com

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Syme, Ann Penning

Ann Penning Syme of Glastonbury received her Angel Wings on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at the age of 93 surrounded by family. Ann grew up in Bridgeport and Hartford, graduated from Bulkeley High, and attended secretarial school. Ann was a hard worker, having held numerous jobs while she raised her family in Rocky Hill along

with her former husband Donald. She was a devout Christian, a dedicated and loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend to many. Ann was predeceased by her parents Edward and Karolyn (Rosein) Penning, sister Barbara Pfenighausen Bossom, and infant daughter Judith Ann Syme. She is survived by her children; James (Susan) Syme of Hilton Head Island, S.C., David (partner Jacqueline, former spouse Michelle) Syme of Stafford Springs, Steven (Mary Beth) Syme of Glastonbury, Cheryl (Stan) Wiecek of New Hartford, grandchildren; Amanda (Brian) Baugh, Hannah (Matt) Given, Eric (Gina) Syme, Troy Syme, Zachary Syme, Adam Wiecek, Aislyn Syme, and great granddaughter Carmella Baugh. She is also survived by nieces Joan (George) Klimas and Carol (Don) Kelly, special cousin Loretta Francis, extended family, and many friends. Service arrangements have been made by Brooklawn Funeral Home and will be private at the convenience of the family. For online guestbook please visit www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com

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Zak, Mary Anne

Mary Anne Kelly Zak, age 93, of Suffield, passed away on Monday, March 7 at Suffield House. Born to Edward and Mary (McGinnis) Kelly on February 23, 1929 in New Orleans, LA, she had resided in Suffield for more than 70 years. She will be remembered as an inspirational teacher, faithful Christian, respected townswoman, prolific writer, eloquent speaker and the social glue of a variety of groups.

Mary Anne is predeceased by her husband, Amiel Zak, and her brothers: Edward A. Kelly, Jr. and George A. Kelly and sister-in-law Lynn Kelly. She is survived by brother Patrick J. Kelly (PK) of W. Springfield, MA; sister-in-law Elizabeth Kelly of W. Harwich, MA; her children Michael Zak (Roxanne Eigenbrod), of Concord, MA; Amy Zak-Urban (Gene) of Santa Barbara, CA; Sara Zak of Suffield; and Gerard (Jerry) Zak of Coventry, CT; her granddaughters Adrienne Hunt (Trevor) and Marianna Hill (Thomas) and great-grandson Connor Michael Hill all of Concord, MA; and many fondly held nieces and nephews.

 Mary Anne was devoutly religious and appreciative of all faiths. She received her education in Catholic schools (high school through post graduate) and was a communicant of St. Joseph Church (1952-1984) and Sacred Heart Parish (1984 until her death). She actively shared her beliefs and taught young members of both churches, inmates at the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution in Suffield and adults who pursued a religious conversion. As a Eucharistic Minister and Lector, Mary Anne demonstrated her support of the increased role of women in the Catholic Church.

She was a voracious reader and a curious researcher with a thirst for knowledge that went hand-in-hand with her love of, and dedication to, teaching. As a Suffield High School teacher of English, "Mrs. Zak" was known for her emphasis on critical thinking and her creative methods of stimulating the interest of her students. She was inducted into the Suffield Foundation for Excellent Schools Hall of Fame in 2012.

Mary Anne was a trusted and very active member of the Town of Suffield. She served on the Town Ethics Commission, the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Board of Tax Review. Among other local organizations, she supported the Kent Memorial Library as a member of its Board of Trustees, the Suffield Historical Society (past President) and the Suffield Volunteer Ambulance Association. Mary Anne was presented with the Rotary Club Paul Harris Award in 2011 for outstanding contributions to the community.

As a third-generation Irish American, married to a first-generation Polish American, Mary Anne combined her interest in family genealogy with her passion for local history. In 2006, she founded the Polish Heritage Society in order to collect, preserve and share the history and culture of the Polish Community in Suffield.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at Sacred Heart Parish. Details will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Amiel and Mary Anne Zak Public Service Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, 10 Columbus Boulevard, 8th Floor, Hartford CT 06106 (on line at www.hfgp.org/ZakPublicServiceFund) or to the Polish Heritage Society c/o Suffield Historical Society, P.O. Box 893, Suffield, CT 06078.

Finally, the Zak family would like to thank the many devoted caregivers and support staff who cared for Mary Anne over the past two years. Their efforts were especially appreciated given the hardships created by the Covid pandemic.

For on-line condolences please visit: www.SuffieldFuneralHome.com.

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"You're everywhere except right here and it hurts."

Rupi Kaur

We miss you and love you, Joe, always...

IN MEMORIAM**In Loving Memory Of****CHARLIE PARKER****3/2/1925 - 3/14/1993**

Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, Beans
We love you and we miss you!
You're gone, but not forgotten.
A part of you lives on in each of us.

'Til we meet again!

Love, Steve, Angela, Shelby, Kathy, Jack, Michael,
Anna, Jillian, Michael Jr., Steven, Heather, Jaxon
and Cameryn

In Loving Memory Of**RONALD LEE MATHIS****April 28, 1956 - March 10, 2020**

You have been gone for two years, and we miss you every day, & every hour. We can no longer see you with our eyes or touch you with our hands but we will feel you in our hearts forever. May the winds of heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear, how much we love you and miss you and wish that you were still here with us.

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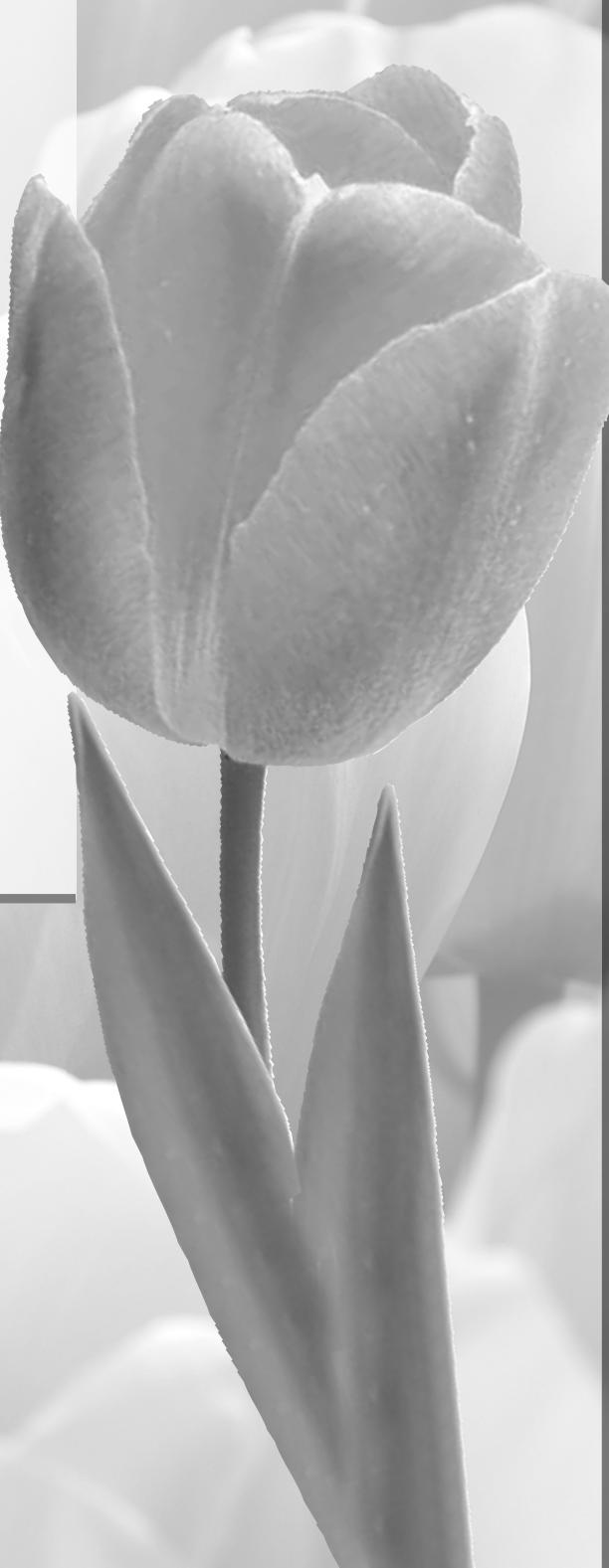
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RECREATIONAL CANNABIS IS LEGAL IN CONNECTICUT, BUT THERE'S STILL A WAY TO GO TO GET THE BUSINESS GOING



An employee tends to plants in Simsbury's Curaleaf cultivation facility for medical marijuana in February 2020. HARTFORD COURANT

Long road ahead

By Stanley A. Twardy Jr.

I recall more than 30 years ago, when I was U.S. attorney for the District of Connecticut, writing an opinion piece on the war on drugs and the need to be vigilant in fighting it — a war that included marijuana as one of its targets. Now, here we are in 2022 and cannabis is legal in Connecticut for both medical and recreational usage. Times change, and we need to change with them.

The new law that took effect last year making Connecticut the 18th state to legalize recreational cannabis was the end of a lengthy process and the beginning of another one. Following the long march toward legalization, for which many had passionately advocated for and against for many years, we must now carefully construct the appropriate apparatus needed to regulate this brand new area of commerce for the state.

Not only is this a brand new business model, but unlike areas such as liquor regulations, there is little to no common law around the cannabis industry. This will create challenges for any new business looking to operate in this new arena. Beyond that, a number of other questions exist.

The most significant challenge the lack of common law creates is uncertainty, which will be one of the most difficult challenges entrepreneurs entering this new industry will face.

Some states that have legalized the use and sale of recreational cannabis have issued lengthy regulations seeking to address many of the issues surrounding regulation. Implementation of an entirely new industry is complicated by the fact that the business model upon which the industry is based — the use and sale of cannabis — remains prohibited at the federal level. While the regulations are a step in the right direction, they leave much to interpretation, which will need to be addressed by the court system through the development of common law.

It goes without saying that implementation of any new area of regulation is a difficult task. The

devil is, indeed, in the details.

Cannabis legalization began as a relatively simple discussion of whether, and to what extent, the government should legalize and regulate a particular substance. I say "relatively" in the sense that the various positions, and the evidence and arguments to support those positions, was confined in scope and familiar to many of the participants.

But once the decision was made to legalize trade, the number of stakeholders — and the number of issues those stakeholders care about — increased greatly, transcending the original cannabis policy issues.

In short, there are a number of areas that any stakeholder looking to navigate through the new regulatory framework around recreational cannabis sale and cultivation will need to consider. There are five major issues:

Zoning: Cannabis dispensaries, growth facilities and distribution facilities will confront traditional zoning issues, which will be complicated by the subject matter.

Social justice issues: The legalization of cannabis always has raised social justice concerns. Implementation now brings with it interest in remedial social justice efforts. For instance, should licensing allocation, or geographic distribution be determined in part by social justice policies? Should there be restitution made to historically underrepresented communities? These questions and others will no doubt be considered by the legislative and executive branches.

Tax: A major driver of cannabis legalization was the prospect of increased tax revenue. Implementation will involve imposition of and allocation of that revenue, a process sure to be difficult.

Banking: While the federal government lags behind the states, with the exception of banking, that lag does not appear to have practical effect. Banking is a huge exception. The inability to conduct business using traditional financial transactions in banking institutions will create difficult problems.

Employment: The inevitable increase in state-legal cannabis use will (and already has) create an array of thorny employment issues, many of which will intersect with already-complicated health privacy concerns.

It's a brave new world for what could be a lucrative new industry in Connecticut. But it's one where there are still a number of hurdles that need clearing before it can truly launch. In short, this is a long and winding road to be traveled before cannabis becomes an accepted and integrated vehicle of commerce.

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The virus of political scandal has mutated in Connecticut



Kevin Rennie

The virus of political scandal has mutated in Connecticut. Leaders who should be the antidote have instead given us none.

Gov. Ned Lamont continues to dismiss the emerging picture of alleged contract steering in his administration's school construction financing program. The program, which spends hundreds of millions of dollars a year, is the focus of a federal criminal investigation.

The Greenwich Democrat apparently refuses to speak the

name of his former top adviser who subpoenaed from federal law enforcement authorities suggest is at the center of the probe. That's Konstantinos "Kosta" Diamantis, the former Democratic state representative who was Lamont's former deputy budget director and head of the school construction financing agency.

Lamont has developed a raging case of Diamantis distancing. In 2020, Lamont announced big plans for the state's State Pier project in New London. He declared that while he gives the speeches, "It's up to Kosta to deliver the goods." Today, Lamont refuses to utter his name. Diamantis is now "some deputy."

Worse, Lamont wants to shut down discussion. He warned a radio host to be careful about

calling these dismaying events a scandal, which they are. Lamont, who leans heavily on his carefully created genial image, is allowing a tone to slip into his tart explanations. Can a snarl be far off?

Lamont's aversion to candor was at its steepest on Feb. 25. The governor took questions from the press in the hall outside his Capitol office that Friday afternoon after announcing the resignation of budget chief Melissa McCaw. The answer when CT Mirror's Mark Pazniokas asked Lamont if he knew of the federal subpoena when it was served in October: "I think Nora may have mentioned it to me, just in passing."

For students of 21st century Connecticut corruption scandals, this was a poisonous statement against honor. Nora is Nora

Dannehy, the governor's legal counsel. She secured her place in state history when she was one of the lead federal prosecutors who exposed former Gov. John Rowland's corrupt practices in 2004. Dannehy knows the significance of a federal subpoena. She wielded plenty of them in the public interest. To say Dannehy would mention "in passing" one aimed at the heart of the Lamont administration is an incredible statement that reveals far more about Lamont than Dannehy.

The strategy of silence spread to the legislature on Tuesday. The anti-toxin has not been created that can protect us from the ill-effects of what the legislature's finance and education committees dumped into the public square during a hearing on, well,

anything but the school construction investigation.

The hearing was billed as addressing school construction. The Senate co-chair of the finance committee, John Fonfara, D-Hartford, announced he is an advocate of robust legislative oversight and then prohibited discussion of the investigation that prompted the meeting. Fonfara's excuse was that there is an ongoing federal criminal investigation. In most places that would be a reason to probe more, not issue gag orders.

State Rep. Sean Scanlon, D-Guilford, Fonfara's House counterpart, went along with the charade. The ambitious Scanlon is running for state comptroller,

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**LETTERS TO
THE EDITOR**

**Stance by Biden
could ignite tragic
consequences**

Never have we witnessed such horrible foreign relations since Neville Chamberlain returned from Nazi Germany in 1938 waving a piece of paper and stating it "guarantees peace in our time." Russia has been broadcasting signals for nearly one month that it was going to invade Ukraine. Our president broadcasted his intentions three weeks ago by stating that he would take no steps on the ground to assist the Ukrainians in defending their country. That may or may not be a good idea. But you don't broadcast what action or inaction you may take to your adversary. President Joe Biden had options. He could have displayed strength by sending additional troops to NATO countries, sent warships to the Black Sea as a show of force, or launched a strong campaign to rally other NATO countries. It is a sad day when a second-rate country like Russia can threaten the United States. Biden and his lack of leadership and impotence as commander in chief is deplorable. I fear this event will have tragic consequences for the United States.

Joseph Oddie, Wallingford

**Shame on Trump
for calling Putin
a 'genius'**

Russia has invaded Ukraine and Donald Trump, the twice-impeached ex-president, has two options. He can throw his support behind the United States, the country he claims to love, and the rest of the free world in denouncing Vladimir Putin's plan, or he can praise Putin's actions while calling him a genius. He chose the latter. Though his actions should not surprise anyone, since he spent four years as president kowtowing to every murderous dictator on the planet, it should appall anyone who claims to care about freedom and democracy. Anyone who continues to support Trump should be ashamed of themselves.

Kevin Knox, Litchfield

**GOP leaders
need to speak out
against Putin**

We are bearing witness to military attacks by Russia upon a non-threatening and peaceful nation. Vlad Putin, with iron-fisted control, has ordered a full-scale invasion against the sovereign nation of Ukraine, with designs of imposing its will upon a citizenry that has (fully and emphatically) rejected the Russian model, as a free and independent nation. The Russian political apparatus and general populace, despite pointed opposition, are frozen in fear and silence, when controlled by a totalitarian system that accepts no discord.

Not surprisingly, many of our Republican politicians have expressed praise upon this unprovoked military juggernaut, in their alignment and admiration for Putin. Many Republicans have not spoken out (with similar fear) against this despotic madman. The world must stand firmly against this bloody aggression and bring the collective weight of its civilized nations against Russian aggression to prevent the advent of the next (and far more destructive) World War.

Del D. Gomes, Middletown

Dipped in Liberty

Where are you headed and what are your plans? It's not very neighborly to annex another's land. What makes you afraid of the nation you hate? Is it all that disturbing for the great Russian State? Your neighbors appear laughing on the streets unlike Russian subjects who won't make a peep. Are they making such light of that bare-chested cad, or denying the iron grip the Soviet Union once had? Oligarchs sit in towers and are frankly out of touch. They've just missed the mark concerned only with non such.

People are not your subjects and smile only when free. You will not erase this culture once it's dipped in liberty.

Fred Neff, Mystic

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EDITORIAL

Heart, generosity shown in response to Ukraine crisis

Deanna Humennyj saw a problem and decided to do something about it.

The problem, occurring half a world away, hit home for Humennyj.

Not only is she of Ukrainian descent, giving her a direct connection to the now war-torn nation, she also is a postpartum nurse at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain.

And having seen reports that Ukrainian women had given birth in bomb shelters, Humennyj chose to take action.

With an idea in mind, she asked for help.

The leadership of Hartford HealthCare decided to give that help.

The first items in a \$250,000 donation of medical supplies have been sent on their way to Ukraine, where the situation is grim, and a humanitarian crisis

of suffering grows as millions become refugees.

Around Connecticut, it is no surprise that the support for Ukraine has grown too; Nutmeggers often show their generosity and now are strong in their opposition to what Vladimir Putin has wrought.

As The Courant's Eliza Fawcett noted in her reporting, among other actions, the state's Ukrainian-American community rallied recently at the state Capitol, calling for peace and freedom; the Hartford treasurer's office moved to divest the city's billion-dollar pension fund from Russian-owned assets.

Yale New Haven Health also announced a donation of more than \$1 million in medical supplies to Ukrainians through the U.S. Cooperative for International Patient Programs.

This is exactly what should



Juan Donato loads medical supplies bound for Ukraine from a Hartford HealthCare warehouse in Newington. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

occur when individuals, organizations, communities, states or nations oppose the actions of others: show it in words and changes, or, as in this case, generosity.

It is a generous donation by Hartford HealthCare, and Humennyj was not alone in the health system in her connection to Ukraine. Darlene Sawczysyn, a senior analyst of treasury services at Hartford HealthCare, said her great-grandparents emigrated from Poland and Ukraine, and settled and raised their family in Connecticut.

She recalled that while she was growing up, her family gathered

clothes they outgrew and sent them to Ukraine. Another show of generosity.

The donation from Hartford HealthCare included N95 masks, isolation gowns, exam gloves and bandages. Those are the kind of items needed in peacetime, but even more as the war continues.

More will be needed as millions continue to suffer. And we would bet on Connecticut residents, as well as many other Americans, continuing to offer their generosity and hearts to people half a world away.

Humennyj said her heart "is broken by what is going on in my family's homeland."



A military priest tries to comfort a woman who was evacuated from Irpin at a triage point in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Wednesday. **VADIM GHIRDA/AP**

In push for peace, sanctions not the answer

By Gary Franks

At one time, the U.S. and NATO countries all seem to believe that sanctions would work to prevent a Russian invasion of Ukraine. They were mistaken.

Now they believe that sanctions will stop Russian President Vladimir Putin. The record would show that the more sanctions the West imposes the faster and harsher Putin has been with his war attacks. He's now targeting hospitals and infrastructure.

History would show that to push a person into a corner usually results in irrational decisions. The Empire of Japan was trying to advance its influence and control over its Pacific sphere of influence. We detested it.

We used sanctions. We implemented an oil embargo. The sanctions were deemed excessive after the fact, after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, which ultimately led to the military deaths of hundreds of thousands of Americans in the Pacific theater of World War II. An unintended consequence.

A recent assessment by our top intelligence officers in a hearing before Congress mentioned that not since the 1960s had Russia issued communications about its potential use of nuclear weapons.

As we all know, America's use of nuclear weapons ended the war with Japan.

Now, maybe the ratcheting up of sanctions can be unraveled slowly to secure peace in Ukraine and the

broader region eventually.

But I am very concerned about President Joe Biden's judgment.

Former Secretary of Defense Bob Gates, under former presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, and CIA director under H.W. Bush, proclaimed that Biden "was wrong on nearly every major foreign policy and national security issue over the last four decades." That's a strong statement that Gates codified just prior to the 2020 election.

In 1991, then-Sen. Biden voted against the use of force during Operation Desert Storm — an effort by the U.S. and its allies to remove Iraqi forces after they invaded neighboring Kuwait. Yet Biden erred in 2003 when he voted in favor of going after Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein over weapons of mass destruction — which were never found. And he also opposed the Navy Seal raid that killed Osama Bin Laden in 2011. Today, Biden accepts no true blame for his errors. His recent ones include the U.S. exit debacle in Afghanistan as well as his claim that sanctions would prevent a Russian invasion. He denied he ever said the latter.

Conversely, in Biden's view, everything bad is caused by others — Donald Trump, COVID-19, and now Putin for energy costs. Well, the public does not allow him to get away with this as the vast majority of Americans in recent polls disapprove of his performance.

Now we see energy prices

hitting new highs. We see Biden calling up dictatorships we shied away from like Iran and Venezuela, along with Saudi Arabia, begging them to supply us with oil.

This happened after Biden closed the Keystone Pipeline and vowed to demolish our fossil fuel industry. We have gone from being an exporter of oil to now begging others for oil, ever since the departure of former President Trump.

Why didn't Biden or the European Union see the potential need to cut Russian oil imports as part of the sanctions? This seems unconscionable. And, in doing so, how would the West make up for this loss of Russian energy? This scenario was staring them in the face for years.

Let us also concede that Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky has not been perfect either. He did not prepare his nation for such an onslaught despite obvious warning signs — such as the 190,000 Russian troops stationed at his door prior to the invasion.

A solution to the Ukraine/Russia conflict must be found quickly. Too many innocent people are dying and suffering. We cannot just watch.

It would appear that America or NATO intervening is a non-starter. Without their support, it is hard to see how Ukraine will do well.

Why not help Ukraine face reality? Ukrainians need to find a new strategy to end the suffering and death of their people while realizing that there will be another

day and there could be another way to prevail. Find it. Remember Afghanistan sent the Russians packing. Ukrainians can too, but today is not the time.

Russia has a proposal on the table for the Ukrainian government to review. Russia wants Ukraine to relinquish seeking NATO membership and territories in the east of the country that are not under Ukraine's control anyway. These seem to be obvious concessions for peace.

In the major conflicts of the 20th century, we saw the division of nations. Vietnam and Korea quickly come to mind. The former was a failure because those who loved their country pushed out those who wanted to impose their will on the country. The latter resulted in a demilitarized zone (DMZ) dividing the peninsula.

Thus, the story does not need to be a bleak one. In the long term, history is on the side of the Ukrainians.

Peace can be achieved in the region.

I do not believe Russia would have any interests in rebuilding a nation it has destroyed.

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an office that requires an inquiring disposition and some distance from the governor. I believe Scanlon ruled himself out as a qualified candidate by breathing in the virus of silence.

A river of drivel ran through the two-and-a-half-hour embarrassment. The most sustained performance came from Department

of Administrative Services acting Commissioner Michelle Gilman. The Colchester Democrat proved her bona fides as a party functionary.

Gilman droned on for 45 uninterrupted minutes about internal audits, external audits, and other dry procedures. Her near-filibuster included the ban on saying Diamantis's name.

Reality made two illuminating appearances at the hearing. State Rep. Tammy Nuccio, R-Tolland,

pointed out that nothing Gilman was prattling on about addresses her town's experience. Tolland officials claim that Diamantis threatened their school construction projects if they did not hire two of his favored contractors. Audits do not stop bullies.

State Sen. Henri Martin, R-Bristol, added a late moment of blinding clarity. "Can you simply tell us ... what went wrong here?" he asked. The day's river of drivel crested when Gilman needed

Martin to restate the question.

What went wrong was the system for building schools for the state's children appears to have been perverted. A federal investigation provides a vaccine for the symptoms gripping state government. So does an election, and that's what Tuesday's show hearing was about.

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COMMENTARY

Biden's push to change makeup of federal courts



Carl P. Leubsdorf
If Ketanji Brown Jackson is confirmed as a Supreme Court justice, as seems likely, the high court will come closer to reflecting the country's racial and gender balance than at any time in the nation's history.

Restoring its political balance may take more time.

In a sense, Biden's choice of Jackson exemplifies the effort he has made since taking office to change the makeup of the entire federal judiciary. Though he has made substantial progress in appointments to the district and appellate courts, he has a long way to go before he can transform the overall federal judiciary.

It's been 41 years since President Ronald Reagan selected Sandra Day O'Connor as the first female justice on a court that then had seven white men and one Black man. If Jackson is confirmed, the nine justices will include four women, two African Americans and one Hispanic person.

In other ways, it is less reflective of the country. Six of the nine justices are Roman Catholic while a seventh, Neil Gorsuch,

was raised Catholic but now attends an Episcopal church. Elena Kagan is Jewish. Jackson has been identified as protestant, without specifics.

Jackson is the third consecutive woman, and the second minority, to be nominated by the last two Democratic presidents. President Barack Obama named Sonia Sotomayor, the court's first Hispanic, and Kagan. The last two Republicans have chosen four white men and one white woman, Amy Coney Barrett.

A similar difference marks the nominees to lower federal benches.

According to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, only 20% of the 40 federal district and appeals judges that Biden nominated and the Senate confirmed in his first year in office were men. By contrast, 77% of those nominated and confirmed in the same period by President Donald Trump were male.

A similar disparity existed by race. Of the 40 Biden nominees confirmed in his first year, 13 were white. Of Trump's 18 judicial choices confirmed, 16 were white.

Even more dramatically, of the 45 Biden judicial nominees who have been confirmed as of early last month, according to the nonpartisan American Constitution

Society, just two were white men. Thirteen were white women, eight were minority men and 22 were minority women. Of the 30 members of minority groups, 11 were Black, seven Latinos and seven Asian Americans.

Still, unlike with the Supreme Court, Biden will need much more time to truly transform the federal judiciary.

According to the CRS statistics, 71% of the nearly 611 federal district judges sitting as of Jan. 1 were white and 65% were male. Similarly, of 176 current federal appeals judges, 74% were white and 63% male.

These statistics don't illustrate the ideological balance in the federal court system. In some cases, judges have displayed a somewhat different judicial philosophy on the bench than their prior political activities indicated.

That often happened with the Supreme Court before nominations and confirmation hearings became so political. For example, Justices William Brennan and David Souter, nominated by Republican Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and George H. W. Bush, proved moderate to liberal on the bench. Earl Warren, named chief justice by Eisenhower, was so liberal that Eisenhower later said he regretted the

appointment. But Justice Byron R. White, named by President John F. Kennedy, turned out to be relatively conservative.

Greater scrutiny of a nominee's past writings and decisions makes this less likely nowadays. In most instances, the six current Supreme Court justices named by GOP presidents have tended to oppose the three Democratic appointees.

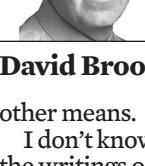
The philosophies of lower court nominees are often less known since many are lawyers who have not been active politically. However, most tend to reflect the philosophies of the presidents who appointed them.

Ultimately, Biden's lasting influence will depend on how long Democrats maintain their tenuous majority in the Senate. With most Republican senators opposing most of the president's judicial choices, Senate Democrats need to maintain solidarity to confirm them with their 50 senators and the tie-breaking vote of Vice President Kamala Harris.

If the GOP regains Senate control in November, Biden's effort to transform the federal judiciary will likely end abruptly.

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This is why Putin can't back down



David Brooks
Carl von Clausewitz famously asserted that war is the continuation of politics by other means. The Russian invasion of Ukraine is the continuation of identity politics by other means.

I don't know about you, but I've found the writings of conventional international relations experts to be not very helpful in understanding what this whole crisis is about. But I've found the writing of experts in social psychology to be enormously helpful.

That's because Vladimir Putin is not a conventional great power politician. He's fundamentally an identity entrepreneur. His singular achievement has been to help Russians to recover from a psychic trauma — the aftermath of the Soviet Union — and to give them a collective identity so they can feel that they matter, that their life has dignity. The war in Ukraine is not primarily about land; it's primarily about status. Putin invaded so Russians could feel that they are a great nation once again and so Putin himself could feel that he's a world historical figure along the lines of Peter the Great.

Maybe we should see this invasion as a rabid form of identity politics. Putin spent years stoking Russian resentments toward the West. He falsely claimed Russian speakers are under widespread attack in Ukraine. He uses the tools of war in an attempt to make Russians take pride in their group identity. The Soviet Union was a messed-up tyranny, but as Gulnaz Sharafutdinova writes in her book "The Red Mirror," Soviet history and rhetoric gave Russians a sense that they were "living in a country that was in many ways unique and superior to the rest of the world." People could derive a sense of personal significance from being part of this larger Soviet project.

The end of the Soviet Union could have been seen as a liberation, a chance to build a new and greater Russia. But Putin chose to see it as a catastrophic loss, one creating a feeling of helplessness and a shattered identity. Who are we now? Do we matter anymore?

Like identity politicians everywhere, Putin turned this identity crisis into a humiliation story. He covered over any incipient feelings of shame and inferiority by declaring: We are the innocent victims. They — America, the Westerners, the cool



Russian President Vladimir Putin stands Friday before a meeting at the Kremlin in Moscow. MIKHAIL KLIMENTYEV/SPUTNIK/GETTY-APP

kids at Davos — did this to us. Like other identity politicians around the world, he promoted status resentment to soothe the wounds of trauma, the fears of inferiority.

In the first years of his reign, he rebuilt the Russian identity. He reclaimed parts of the Soviet legacy as something to be proud of. Mostly, his vision of Russian identity revolved around himself. By parading as a powerful figure on the world stage, Putin could make Russians feel proud and part of something big. Vyacheslav Volodin, then the Kremlin's deputy chief of staff, captured the regime's mentality in 2014: "There is no Russia today if there is no Putin."

This grand strategy seemed to be fully vindicated that year with the successful invasion of Crimea. Having reclaimed this land, Russia could strut like a great power once again. More and more, Putin portrayed himself as not just a national leader but a civilizational leader, leading the forces of traditional morality against the moral depravity of the West.

But now it's all spun out of control.

Putin's identity politics are so virulent because they are so narcissistic. Just as individual narcissists appear to be inflated egotists but are really insecure souls trying to cover their fragility, narcissistic nations and groups that parade their power are often actually haunted by fear of their own weakness. Narcissists crave recognition, but they can never get enough. Narcissists crave psychic security but act in self-destructive ways that ensure they are often under assault.

The Putin identity and Russian identity are inseparable. The billion-ruble question is: How does a guy who has spent his life battling feelings of shame and humiliation react as large parts of the world rightly shame and humiliate him? How does a guy who has spent his life trying to appear powerful and farseeing react as he increasingly appears weak and shortsighted?

I imagine that, at least for a time, Putin can revert to the familiar Russian "besieged fortress" narrative: The West is always out to get us. We always win in the end.

There have been hints that Putin might

be willing to cut a deal with some sort of compromise and retreat from Ukraine, but that would be a shock. It would destroy the bloated and fragile personal and national identity that he has been building all these years. People tend not to compromise when their very identity is at stake.

My fear is that Putin knows only one way to deal with humiliation, which is by blaming others and lashing out. A couple of years ago, my colleague Thomas L. Friedman wrote a prescient column about the politics of humiliation in which he quoted Nelson Mandela: "There is nobody more dangerous than one who has been humiliated."

Putin brought this humiliation on himself and on his country. Speaking as one who deeply admires so much in Russian culture, I think it is a great crime that a nation with so many paths to dignity and greatness chose the path that leads so viciously to degradation.

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What's driving up gas prices; why the White House won't help

By Katie Tubb
The Heritage Foundation

When a news anchor confronted Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm about high gasoline prices and asked about the Biden administration's plan to increase oil production in America, she burst into laughter. "That is hilarious," she said.

It was early November 2021, and gas prices were averaging \$3.39 nationally. The reporter wasn't laughing. And now, with the average price well above \$4 and still climbing, no one else is either.

Americans feel the pressure build every time they fill up, of course, but it doesn't stop there. Think of all the activities, goods and services that rely on transportation, and one starts to see how higher gasoline prices increase costs throughout the entire economy.

What, many are asking, is going on? And what can be done?

Crude oil prices account for roughly half the price of a gallon of gas, followed by refining costs, distribution, and state and local taxes. Unpacking each shows where policy choices influence the price of gasoline. Start with the last, most straightforward factor first.

State and local taxes, most often used to

fund transportation infrastructure, explain some significant differences between the price of gasoline between states. While taxes and fees in Nevada average roughly 20 cents per gallon, neighboring California's tally 50 cents or more because of the state's punishing climate policies that are designed to discourage people from driving.

Distribution — the delivery of gasoline to the customer — is a relatively stable contributor into the price of a gallon. But even here, policy matters. For example, federal law severely restricts the ships available to deliver energy domestically, which actually makes it cheaper for some states to import fuel from Russia than from Texas. This is especially true for coastal states with limited pipeline capacity (yet another policy choice).

Then there's refining, the process that turns oil into usable fuel. Prices increase every summer, when the EPA requires refineries to switch over to more expensive blends of gasoline to comply with Clean Air Act standards. Some states also mandate that refineries make boutique blends of gasoline, forcing customers to pay a green premium. Refinery expenses have also been increasing, as costs to comply with the EPA's renewable fuel

mandate are at record highs.

Last, and certainly not least, is crude oil, which provides 90% of Americans' transportation fuel needs. Gasoline prices tend to follow the price of crude oil closely, and everything else being equal, Americans can see an increase of 2.4 cents per gallon every time the price of a barrel of crude oil increases by \$1. Since oil is a globally traded commodity, the U.S. can't set the price of oil. But domestic production — and the policies that allow or prevent that from happening — can influence it.

The world is now experiencing crude oil prices well over \$100 per barrel — prices not seen since 2014. The best way to decrease oil prices — and, given the current context, dilute Russia's sway in energy markets — is to increase supply. Yet President Joe Biden is unwilling to make the policy changes that would allow this to happen.

Biden remains adamant that the solution isn't to use all the energy resources we have, but to force a transition to a narrow set of politically preferred technologies. So while asking American oil companies for short-term production increases to bail him out of political trouble, Biden has made it clear that he intends to put them out of business in the long term.

To that end, the administration's regulatory agenda aims to choke energy supply. Even now, with Americans struggling, they want to make it more expensive and difficult to explore for and produce oil, construct and operate pipelines, and access financing and investment. And that means they have to manipulate customer demand by discouraging gasoline use in the long run.

The only reason American families and businesses are not hurting more than they already are, is because energy production is happening primarily on state and private lands, putting it a little further out of reach of Biden's anti-energy agenda. For now.

In the same month of Granholm's disastrous interview, White House press secretary Jennifer Psaki was asked whether the administration's policies contributed to gasoline prices, to which she responded with surprising honesty: "The rise in gas prices over the long term makes an even stronger case for doubling down our investment and our focus on clean energy options."

In other words: High prices are a feature, not a bug, of this administration's policies.

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A burst of color and light

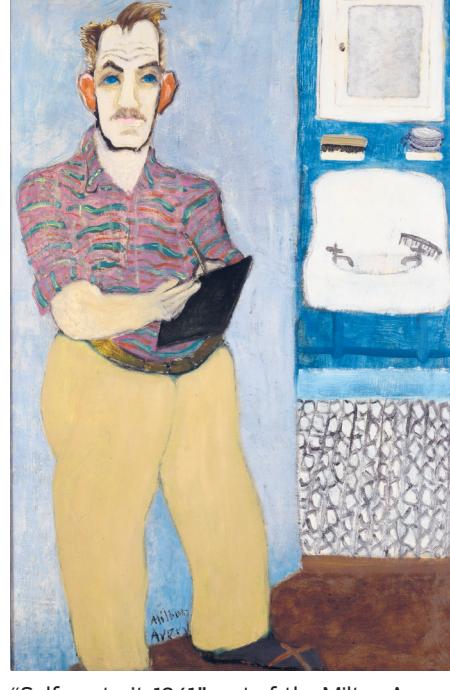
Milton Avery comes home in sweeping exhibit at Wadsworth Atheneum

By Christopher Arnott | Hartford Courant

Milton Avery, the famed mid-20th century painter whose first gallery exhibit was a group show at the Wadsworth Atheneum in 1915, is on that museum's walls again over a century later. This time it's for a career retrospective featuring more than 70 of his singularly bright, colorful, semi-abstract works. It's the largest exhibit of Avery's work in the U.S. in decades.

"Milton Avery" is at the Wadsworth through June 5, after having already been seen at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Indiana. It moves to the Royal Academy of Arts in London in July.

The Wadsworth has been a constant in the appreciation and reconsideration of Avery's work, from the beginning of his career until now, 57 years after his death in 1965. It was at the Wadsworth in 1915 that Avery had the first public exhibition of his paintings. The Atheneum was



"Self-portrait, 1941," part of the Milton Avery retrospective at the Wadsworth Atheneum. From the Collection of Friends of the Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, State University of New York. Gift from the Estate of Roy R. Neuberger. © 2021 Milton Avery Trust / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York.

also part of the first large retrospective of Avery's work in 1952, an exhibit that also traveled to Boston and Washington, D.C. One of his best-known paintings, "Husband and Wife," which adorns posters, banners and advertisements for this exhibition, resides in the Wadsworth's permanent collection.

Avery was able to distill complex natural scenes to their essence, both in shapes and colors. The exhibition picks up on the accessible, reality-based nature of Avery's paintings by pointing out where in Connecticut or New England some of his earliest inspirations were found.

Though the hardcover catalogue for the exhibition, published by the Royal Academy of Arts, makes a valiant attempt, Avery's paintings do not translate well to the printed page. The textures, colors and scale of his work need to be appreciated in person.

The Atheneum offers room for the 70 or so works in the show to breathe, placing them through several adjoining gallery spaces. It has also added short videos about the artist, including his time in Connecticut, that are unique to the exhibit's Hartford stop. The museum has expanded upon some of the explanatory notes next to the paintings, adding photographs of areas in Connecticut and Vermont that have been identified as the

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The Blue Man Group at Lehigh University's Stabler Arena in 2007. MICHAEL KUBEL/TMC

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Alice Cooper, Blue Man, and Beatles

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Music combines with other art forms this week in unexpected ways, from the alien experiments of Blue Man Group to a classical-guitar combo joining an improv comedy troupe to the stunning stage spectacle of the Beatles tribute band Rain, demonic rock deity Alice Cooper and live wire Remember Jones.

Twain House brings Harvey Fierstein to Hartford

The raspy, outspoken and brilliant Harvey Fierstein is one of the most successful musical theater writers today, having written the books for "Newsies," "Kinky Boots" and "La Cage Aux Folles." (He's currently reworking "Funny Girl" for Beanie Feldstein.) He made his name as a New York actor in his own epic "Torch Song Trilogy," then as the original Edna Turnblad in the stage musical version of "Hairspray."

Now Fierstein, a longtime Connecticut resident, has written a book, "I Was Better Last Night." It adds a lot more to his legend — like working in an Andy Warhol play and ad libbing endlessly with Robin Williams while making "Mrs. Doubtfire." Fierstein is discussing and signing the book March 14 at 7 p.m. at Emmanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland St., Hartford — just across the street from the Mark Twain House and Museum, which is sponsoring the event. \$35 admission (\$30 for MTH members) includes a signed copy of the book. marktwain-house.org.

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Colorectal cancer is rising in men under 50. Here's what you should know

There is a clear increase in the number of younger patients with colorectal cancer, according to Dr. Paul Vignati, chief of colorectal surgery at Hartford HealthCare. While there is no cause yet identified for the trend, there is more research being done to answer this troubling question.

Until a definitive cause can be determined, the medical community is focused on encouraging patients to get screened regularly so it can be caught as early as possible.

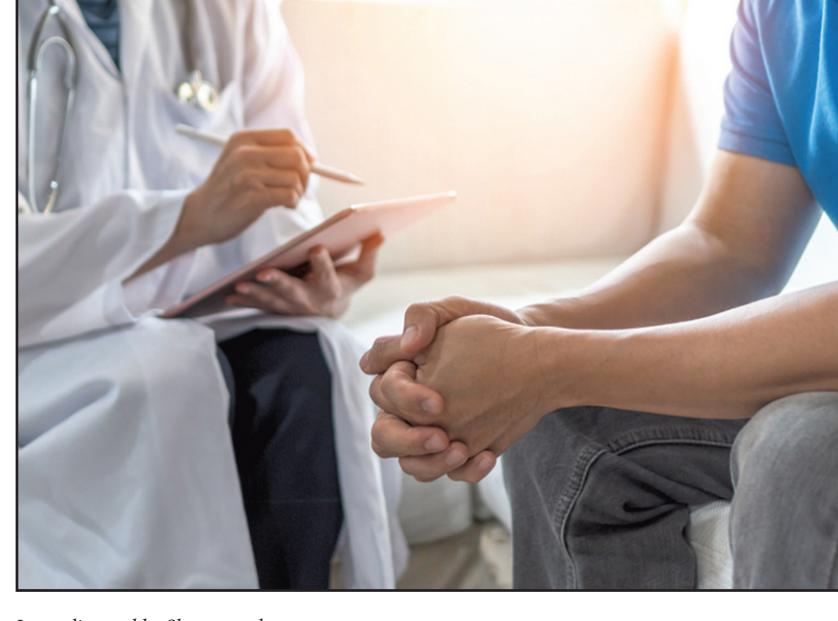


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Actor Sebastian Stan, who is seen March 3 in Los Angeles, is already having a big year with his roles in the series "Pam & Tommy" and the film "Fresh," both available on Hulu. CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Stan keeps taking swings

Actor who has gone from Marvel's Winter Soldier to dark romance 'Fresh' afraid of playing any one character

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

Director Mimi Cave was driving one day when she got an email from a name she didn't recognize. It was Sebastian Stan, writing under a pseudonym.

"I just couldn't help myself," Stan wrote.

She'd been considering him to star opposite Daisy Edgar-Jones in her feature debut "Fresh," which is loosely about the horrors of modern dating. Attached was a video, a kind of supplementary audition, of him dancing around a kitchen with a steak knife.

It wasn't unrelated to the part. His character, Steve, has a pivotal dance moment in a kitchen set to Animation's "Obsession." And Cave had a background in dance and directing music videos for cool indie outfits like Lucius, Sleigh Bells and UNE-yARDS.

What Stan didn't know at the time was that the part

was already his. "I had to pull my car over," Cave said, laughing. "We'd already decided we were going to cast him, but this just put the nail in the coffin. He was obviously super into it and excited and inspired."

At the beginning of March, Stan was already having a big year with his transformational, tattooed turn as Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee in "Pam & Tommy" and as a possibly too-good-to-be-true boyfriend in "Fresh," both of which are available on Hulu.

"Fresh," in particular, had Stan doing deep dives on relationships, reading Alain de Botton's treatise on marrying the wrong person, and other complex men in recent history that should probably go unnamed — it's one of those the-less-you-know-going-in-the-better movies.

"It has that fun kind of spontaneous, naturalistic

banter that you would see in 'Before Sunrise.' Two people meeting and kind of calling each other out and sort of being honest and aware how awkward meeting someone is without even knowing them," he said. "You want to know what happens to these two people. Then it takes a turn and becomes even more fascinating."

Stan is probably best known for his Marvel association — he has played Captain America's frenemy Bucky Barnes/The Winter Soldier for over a decade now, in films and on the Disney+ show "The Falcon and the Winter Soldier."

"I learned so much from Marvel," Stan said. "I still credit Marvel with kind of allowing people to give me a chance and sort of consider me for things."

But he has also been amassing an impressive list of co-stars and directors over the past 20 years. Part of that has to do with

the fact that Stan has never cared about the size of the role. He's always readily taken smaller parts for the opportunity to work with people like Jonathan Demme ("Rachel Getting Married" and "Ricki and the Flash"), Darren Aronofsky ("Black Swan") and Steven Soderbergh ("Logan Lucky").

"I would much rather be a part of a project that asks questions, that people will talk about or that's good and have one scene instead of being in every frame in something that doesn't seem to resonate," Stan said.

He has played sons to Meryl Streep ("Ricki and the Flash") and Sigourney Weaver ("Political Animals"), infamous boyfriends to Margot Robbie ("I, Tonya") and Lily James ("Pam & Tommy"), and support to Nicole Kidman's detective ("Destroyer") as well as Jessica Chastain's super

spy ("The 355") and astronaut ("The Martian").

The way Stan tells it, one morning he woke up and realized he's just better in roles opposite "very strong women."

Things are good right now for Stan, but he also isn't ready to kick up his feet. "You have to remember, I'm from Eastern Europe," Stan said. "I grew up always thinking that the other shoe is going to drop."

Stan was born in Romania in 1982. He and his mother left amid the 1989 revolution and moved to Vienna for a few years, though neither spoke

German at the time. When he was 12, they moved to Rockland County, New York, and Stan started getting serious about acting, attending the Stagedoor Manor summer camp, which boasts alumni such as Natalie Portman and Robert Downey, Jr. — both of whom he'd end up working with later. His

Broadway debut in 2007's "Talk Radio" was what got him on Demme's radar and gave him the chance to meet the likes of Al Pacino and Paul Newman.

"(Demme) came backstage and said I'm doing this movie with Anne Hathaway, and there's no role for you, but I'm going to just ... figure it out. You're just going to be in it," Stan said. "He was such a kind, generous man."

Stan has some projects brewing at the moment, including a film for Brady Corbet, who he used to see at auditions, that they're trying to get off the ground. And he might start getting into producing, too. He just doesn't want to ever get lazy.

"I do feel like you always have to keep growing. You have to kind of keep trying to take swings," he said. "I'm very, very afraid of comfortability and getting too comfortable and playing too comfortable and playing any one character."

Poehler strives to humanize TV icons in 'Lucy and Desi'

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

For Amy Poehler and millions of millions of Americans, "I Love Lucy" wasn't just something that was on television. It was a show that "came with your TV and was on your whole life," she said.

But it's also one that, in the 65 years since it ended, loomed so large as a defining pillar of sitcom comedy that it and the vibrant couple behind the show have been flattened under the weight of words like "icon" and "trailblazer." It's why Poehler was especially excited to dive into the world of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz as director of the new documentary "Lucy and Desi" (now on Amazon Prime Video) and bring them back to earth.

"One of my goals was to really make it feel like we were seeing them again as human people," Poehler said. "As nuanced and complex thinkers as we think we are, sometimes our brains need to be reminded that the little people that were on a black-and-white show on our TV were actual flesh and blood people who had

wants and needs like everyone else."

The doc explores their unlikely ascent to Hollywood moguldom as well as their fascinating relationship on screen and off. She was a girl from Jamestown, New York, who saw modeling and acting as a way out, and he was a child of wealth and privilege whose life was upended during the Cuban revolution in 1933, when he and his family fled to America and had to start from scratch.

"I think one of the coolest things about this story is you have two genuine outsiders: You have a Cuban-American immigrant ... who arrived to the country with no money and a poor grasp of the language. And then you have a woman in her 40s who's been working in the business for a long time and is very skilled, but certainly hasn't reached the amount of power that she'd like," Poehler said. "And it's these two people, very confident in their skills but not gatekeepers in any way, who take over the business."

In one particularly

studio, Desilu, which had just greenlit "Star Trek" and "Mission: Impossible."

"Lucy had a reluctance to be considered the first woman anything, but she was the first woman to run a giant studio," Poehler said. "She was directing and writing and producing, but she was a (product) of the time and wouldn't have assumed to take credit for any of those things."

Poehler tried to be especially thoughtful about selecting her talking heads, which include Norman Lear, Bette Midler and Carol Burnett. She wanted voices who weren't Arnaz and Ball to have had a more direct connection to them, including their children, Lucie Arnaz and Desi Arnaz Jr., and the children of those who worked on the show, or a perspective that would deepen the narrative.

A treasure trove of previously unreleased personal recordings and interviews found at their daughter's Palm Springs home proved vital for letting Ball and

Arnaz tell their own stories. Lucie Arnaz was more than happy to hand them over to Poehler, who she thought the perfect person to be the shepherd of her parents' story.

"One of the things that was really important to me is that we heard from Lucy and Desi as much as we could," Poehler said. "It's very interesting to hear people talk about their lives, even if they're an unreliable narrator."

The doc should satisfy superfans, but Poehler also made it for the merely curious too. "There could be so many different approaches to their story because they represented so many things, whether they wanted to or not, they represented a changing business, they represented a changing America," she said. "What I found so fascinating is the way both respected and loved each other's process up until the very end. They really brought out the best in each other."

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Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz in a photo from the documentary "Lucy and Desi" from director Amy Poehler. AMAZON

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subjects of a few of Avery's landscapes.

The Wadsworth is also offering family-friendly activities like a felt board where visitors can experiment with colorful shapes and spaces, and a "Month with Milton Challenge" in which participants are given free sketchbooks and encouraged to draw every day for a month. A number of children were seen admiring Avery's painting on the exhibit's opening weekend, drawn to the large canvases, grand bursts of color and fun items like cows and an alligator figurine in some of the paintings.

Avery was born in New York state but moved to East Hartford with his family in 1898 when he was 13. In 1905, while working in local factories during the day, he began taking night classes. The first room of paintings in the exhibit covers his early years, when he enjoyed doing landscapes, including the 1930 "Rolling Hills," which program notes say "may have been inspired by a summer stay in Collinsville."

Erin Monroe — the Krieble Curator of American Paintings and Sculpture at the Wadsworth, who helped shape how the exhibit would be presented in Hartford — explains that Avery "starts his career with super-im-



Milton Avery's "Blue Trees," from 1945. The Wadsworth connects this work to Avery's regular visits to Vermont. Collection of the Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, State University of New York. Gift of Roy R. Neuberger. 2021 Milton Avery Trust / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York. **JIM FRANK PHOTO**

pressionistic en plein air painting, the style that was popular at the time. In the 1930s, there's a jump to "imaginative color," she says, which ultimately led to abstracted outdoor visions such as 1945's "Blue Trees."

The second room is titled "The Urban Scene" and documents Avery's move to New York City and his marriage to Sally Michel (also an artist) in the mid-1920s. He started painting cityscapes

rather than landscapes and also found inspiration in vaudeville theaters and Coney Island. Milton and Sally "would have gatherings at their apartment with their artist friends from Hartford," Monroe says.

The next room, "Still Lifes," has a more domestic theme, with several paintings of objects in the Avery's apartment, as well as a "cubist vibe," Monroe notes, as he develops his one-dimensional,

color-filled style. She points out a still life of a mandolin where Avery has drawn in the fretboard and strings on the instruments by scratching lines directly into the paint. Mostly, she says, Avery painted "things around their apartment" like a fascinating study of a blue bowl with nuts in it, reduced to basic shapes.

"Red Anemones," from 1942, depicts a flower vase standing next to small figurines of an alligator and a goat. Besides the objects in the apartment, Avery also painted the people in it: himself, standing in a bathroom, Sally (in "The Artist and His Wife") and their daughter March — who became an artist herself, is now 89 years old, and sat for a useful interview in the exhibit catalogue.

The final exhibition area is "Breakthrough" and contains the well-known "Husband and Wife," "Beach Blankets," "Grazing Brahmins," "The Seine," "Excursion on the Thames," "Speedboat's Wake" and other works that define what Monroe describes as "that limit of abstraction where we've been heading."

Avery didn't like to talk about his work much, including his influences. But he hung out with other artists who were experimenting with color and large shapes. Avery's work stood out from that of his friends Mark Rothko and Adolph Gottlieb because while there were abstract elements in his work, he also

drew people and objects around him. While he favored a purposefully flat, one-dimensional style using large shapes and bright clean colors, his paintings have recognizable locations like apartments, farms and forests. Even the paintings with the largest blocks of color and few identifying details are distinguishable as beaches and forests.

An extraordinarily disciplined artist, Avery painted every day. To assemble the retrospective, the curators (led by Edith Devaney of the Royal Academy of Arts) had literally thousands of works to choose from. What they've constructed is not just a sweeping overview of the painter's work, but also of his life: the painting show his many trips with Sally and March, his reactions to city and country life and how he lived at home.

It's a life and career that began in the Hartford area, and now we have a chance to see how it changed, blossomed and came home.

The Milton Avery retrospective is at the Wadsworth Atheneum, 600 Main St., Hartford, through June 5. Museum admission is \$15, \$12 senior, \$5 students and free for children 17 and under and all Hartford residents. thewadsworth.org.

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Rain comes to Bushnell

Rain is one of the top-ranked Beatles tribute acts in the world, and have been since 1975 — forming only five years after the actual Beatles disbanded. Rain specializes in songs the John, Paul, George or Ringo never played live, and due to the recent 50th anniversary of "Abbey Road," that's where Rain is falling right now, resplendent in fab gear and backed by groovy video projections. March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford. \$38-\$88. bushnell.org.

'Connecticut Originals' at Atheneum

The Wadsworth Atheneum's collection is vast and international and spans centuries, and the museum has always treasured important local Connecti-

cut artists as part of it. On March 17 at 12:30 p.m., the Wadsworth is conducting an hourlong special themed tour of "Connecticut Originals," artists who were from, or lived in, the state. As it happens, Milton Avery, the subject of a major retrospective that just opened at the Wadsworth, grew up in East Hartford. Free with museum admission (\$15, \$12 seniors, \$5 students, free to Hartford residents). 600 Main St., Hartford. thewadsworth.org.

Remember Jones twice

The splashy, theatrical New Jersey soul and rock singer Remember Jones, known for his tributes to classic rock icons, has two Connecticut gigs this week: March 18 at 7:45 p.m. at Stage One, 70 Sanford St., Fairfield (\$25, \$22 members, fairfieldtheatre.org); and March 19 at 8 p.m. at Infinity Hall, 20 Greenwoods Road West, Norfolk (\$25-\$35; infinityhall.com).

'Great Destroyer Tour'

Progressive post-hardcore innovators Coheed and Cambria's "Great Destroyer Tour" arrives in anticipation of the May release of the band's 10th album, "Vaxis — Act II: A Window of the Waking Mind." March 18 at 8 p.m. \$35-\$55. College Street Music Hall, 238 College St., New Haven. collegestreetmusichall.com.

Alice Cooper's 'Detroit Stories'

Alice Cooper's long career and extraordinary legacy would take several books to contain — and he's written them, including the new memoir-plus-music audiobook "Who I Really Am" on Audible. A major turning point was the Alice Cooper Group's time in Detroit in the late 1960s, where they shared bills with The Stooges and MC5



Cooper

while forging their own unique style.

That era is the inspiration for Alice Cooper's latest album and tour, "Detroit Stories," March 18 at 8 p.m. at Foxwoods Resort Casino's Premier Theater, 350 Trolley Line Blvd., Mashantucket. \$40-\$60. foxwoods.com.

Keeping it Celtic

The same resort casino arena that brought you the Celtic Thunder revue last week now brings in "Celtic Woman: Postcards from Ireland." March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Arena, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville. \$25-\$45. mohegansun.com.

Blue Man at the Bushnell

That irresistible blend of music, rhythm, comedy, illusions and paint known as Blue Man Group returns to The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford, March 18-20. Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 6:30 p.m. \$31-\$119. bushnell.org

Sea Tea meets Guitar Squad

The "Chatterbox: Improv Meets Storytelling" series at Sea Tea Comedy Theater always has special guests, and on March 19 at 7 p.m. it's members of the classical-guitar ensemble Guitar Squad. \$10. 15 Asylum St., Hartford. seateaimprov.com.

'Spring Strings'

The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra concert March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Garde Arts Center, 325 State St. New London, is called "Spring Strings." The "Spring" part is hopeful. The "Strings" part is unequivocal: pioneering Black composer George Walker's "Lyrics for Strings" and Spanish composer Joaquín Rodrigo's "Concierto de Aranjuez" for classical guitar and orchestra, plus symphonies by Bizet (his first) and Haydn (his 75th). \$12-\$55. gardearts.org.

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Too young to have colon cancer?

Like many coping with the COVID-19 pandemic in the summer of 2020, 40-year-old Ellington resident Kyle Hadden found himself with some extra time on his hands. He decided to focus on fitness.

"I was exercising a pretty fair amount and felt like I was in better shape," says Hadden. "Then, around six months or so later, I couldn't do as much as I had been doing. I got out of breath a lot faster." Not long after, he also started experiencing some abnormal abdominal pain that he thought might be a result of acid reflux.

In January 2021, an annual physical exam including standard blood work revealed an iron deficiency that was the cause of his fatigue during exercise. While anemia is rare in men, one of the most common causes is a stomach ulcer. That's why neither Hadden nor his doctor were immediately concerned.

Still, he was referred to Dr. Jeffrey Gelwan at Hartford HealthCare for an endoscopy and colonoscopy.

"They were able to find out why I was having a bleed," says Hadden. "It was a colon tumor. It's not something really any man in his early 40s who's in good health expects to hear."

In many ways, Hadden was lucky, but he was also wise to consult with his physician about new symptoms. The cancer was caught in an early stage and surgically removed in March 2021. He also did not have to undergo chemotherapy.

Knowing the symptoms and getting screened can lead to better outcomes

While Hadden had no severe symptoms, some people with colorectal cancer may experience blood in their stools, abdominal pain, change in bowel habits, anemia or weight loss. These symptoms can be attributed to less harmful conditions. That's why it's critical to pay attention to your body and get screened.

In addition to an annual colonoscopy, starting at age 45, patients can also take advantage of developments in genetic testing.

"There have been significant technological advances over the past 10 years and testing has become far more affordable," says John Neary, manager of Hartford HealthCare's Cancer Genetics Program.

Hadden's family history of colorectal cancer was limited to a distant relative, and his genetic evaluation revealed none of the markers that would suggest an increased risk.

Neary points out that having those markers is not a guarantee of developing cancer, but simply indicates earlier or more frequent screenings like colonoscopies may be needed.

Dr. Vignati, who has performed thousands of colonoscopies and has had the procedure himself, emphasizes that it is a safe, non-painful exam that is well worth the risks. "I see so many cancer patients who wish they had gotten a colonoscopy earlier," he says.

For more information about colorectal cancer and the Cancer Institute at Hartford HealthCare, attend Hartford HealthCare's Facebook Live event on March 16 at 12:30 p.m., or call 833-444-0014.

— Jessica Chesler
for Hartford HealthCare

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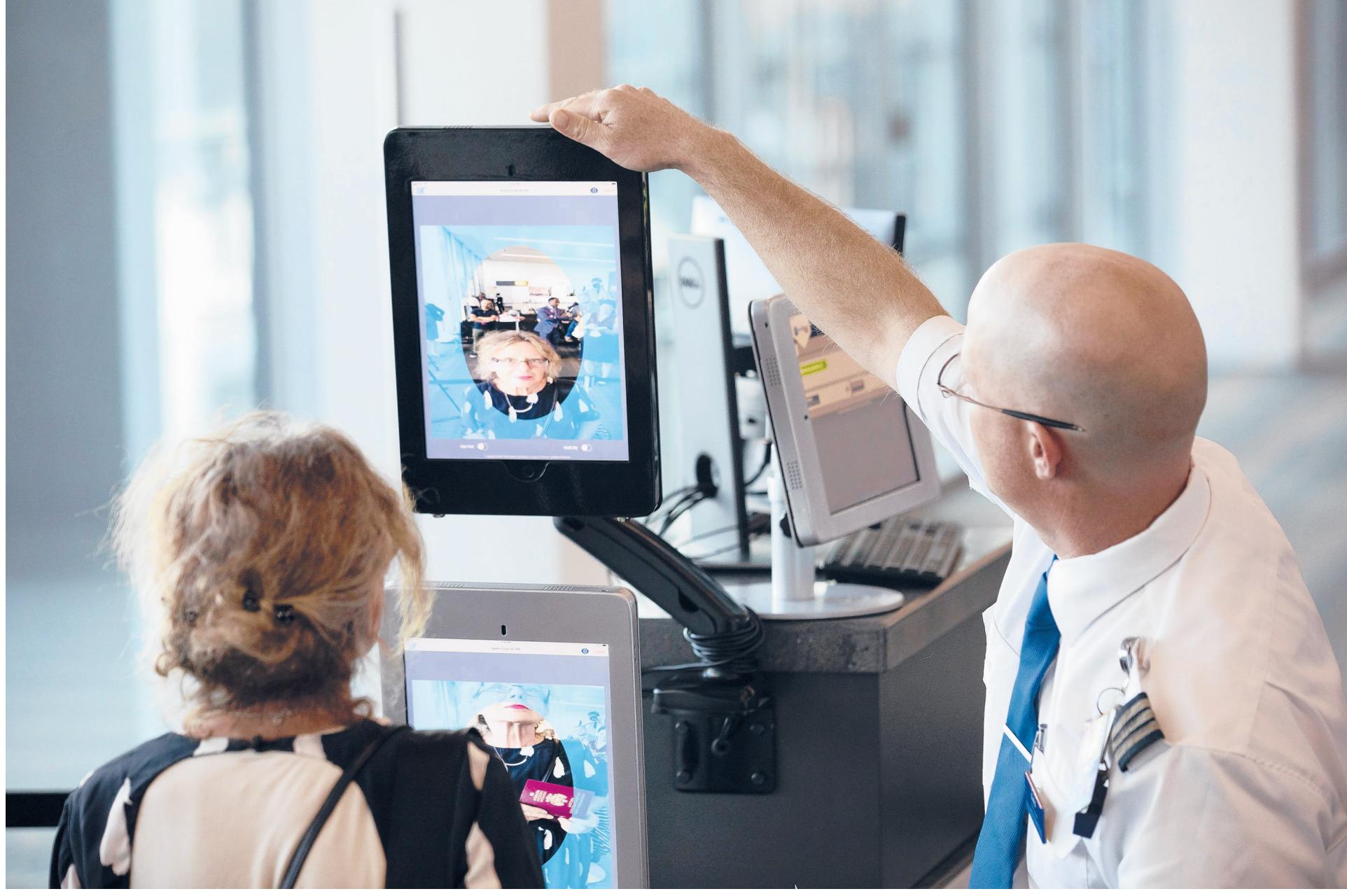
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A traveler undergoes a facial recognition screening at Dulles International Airport in Dulles, Virginia. RAY WHITEHOUSE/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2018

A new ID system at airports

Facial recognition uses algorithm to check travelers' identification

By Elaine Glusac | The New York Times

As Americans get more comfortable traveling during the pandemic, international travelers may find a new identification system used by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency on their return home in the form of biometric facial recognition. Following a directive by Congress' 9/11 Commission to increase border security by using biometrics, CBP began ramping up the technology in 2018 in a program called Simplified Arrival. Among other biometric measurements available, including iris scans and fingerprints, the agency selected facial recognition, which uses a computer algorithm to compare a picture taken in person at airport immigration or another border checkpoint to the traveler's passport picture or visa.

"We've automated a manual process," said Diane Sabatino, deputy executive assistant commissioner for CBP, who is overseeing the biometric program.

Some privacy advocates have questioned the use of the technology. Addressing equity, Sens. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., and Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., sent a letter to the agency in January requesting more information "to ensure that flagged individuals are treated in a safe, fair and noninvasive manner given the imperfection of facial recognition software."

The following are excerpts from an interview on the issues with Sabatino, edited for length and clarity.

Q: Why was facial recognition chosen over other forms of biometrics?

A: When we looked at different biometric technology — fingerprints, iris and facial scans — we landed with facial because it is such a simple process. Travelers present themselves and their documentation and pose for a quick photo in seconds. The officer has the data they need based on a discussion with the traveler about the purpose of the trip and ultimately can make a decision about whether further examination is needed. We can now leverage technology that's better at making

comparisons. The officer is still the ultimate decision-maker. Travelers can opt out.

Q: What are the benefits of using the technology?

A: It's a streamlined process. One benefit is helping officers be more efficient at determining the intent of travel. It's also better at identifying potential impostors. And the third piece we hadn't contemplated was the added health benefits. We have a security enhancement at a time and place where individuals are already expected to present themselves for identity verification, and now we're adding touchless travel and limiting the spread of pathogens. It wasn't something we were contemplating when we developed it, but it certainly made sense.

Q: How much time will a traveler typically spend at inspection?

A: Manual verification lasts 10 to 30 seconds, depending on environmental factors. Someone outside at a land border could be more challenged because of the lighting. As we automate and refine facial recognition technology, we're taking two to three seconds to verify the match. The match is one tool in the entire process. That tool doesn't make the decision to admit or

require further examination. It is the officer and the totality of the circumstances. The priority is security.

Q: How many impostors has the technology identified?

A: Since deployment, in about the first three years, primarily in the air passenger environment and somewhat in maritime, we have identified about 300 impostors using the technology. That doesn't mean we would not have otherwise identified them. In the last year, at pedestrian land crossings at the southern land border, it caught about 1,000 to 1,100.

Q: Critics fear digital systems will be used for surveillance. How are you ensuring privacy?

A: Our business use case is in identifying individuals at a time and place where they would normally expect to present themselves for identity verification. We are not grabbing images and scraping social media. Individuals are presenting a passport, and we have a repository to tap into and build galleries in advance of their arrival using U.S. passport photos and arrivals of those who have applied for visas. So we build these galleries in the airport and maritime environments based on information already provided for identity verification. We match it to the information we have.

And we're making sure there's secure encryption. When a gallery is created, that photo isn't attached to any information and can't be reverse-engineered to be compromised. The design is based on the privacy measures we knew had to be in place. Images for U.S. citizens are retained less than 12 hours and often times much less.

Q: How are you handling the threat of unconscious bias in the programming, which could lead to higher rates of error?

Q: How are some groups, including people of color?

A: That's certainly something we're very tuned into. We have partnered with the National Institute of Standards and Technology to provide information on the program. Our high-performing algorithms show virtually no demonstrable difference when it comes to demographics.

Q: How are travelers notified that they can opt out?

A: We post signage at all ports of entry. Individuals opting out need to notify the officer at inspection. It would then revert to the manual process.

Q: Is the technology at all border checkpoints?

A: We have it rolled out in pedestrian lanes at land borders. In the air environment, we're covering about 99% with Simplified Arrival. The land border is the final frontier. We just completed a 120-day pilot in the car lanes at Hidalgo, Texas, and we'll be evaluating the outcome. At cruise terminals, we're in the 90% range. We're working with nine major carriers at eight ports of entry, including Miami, Port Canaveral and Port Everglades, all in Florida.

Q: How do you address biometric skeptics?

A: We welcome the scrutiny from privacy-advocacy groups. We want to be able to tell and share the story about the investment we've made with respect to privacy. There are so many myths and so much misinformation out there, conflating what we do with surveillance. Anytime new technology is rolled out, there are always legitimate concerns. We welcome those questions. They help us answer better when we are building out these systems.



A long line stretches from the TSA check-in point at Orlando International Airport.

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TSA PreCheck program now at Bahamas airport

By Donald Wood
TravelPulse

The Transportation Security Administration announced its PreCheck program has been extended to an international location for the first time in the agency's history.

With the addition of the expedited screening programs at Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau, Bahamas, low-risk travelers can now enjoy an efficient screening experience at the popular Caribbean destination.

During the ribbon-cut-

ting ceremony in Nassau, TSA Regional Director Karen Hanlon joined U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Usha E. Pitts and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, the Honorable I. Chester Cooper.

TSA PreCheck is now available at more than 200 airports in the United States and Nassau.

"This has been an excellent partnership throughout the trial period at Lynden Pindling International Airport, and it serves as a model for further extending TSA PreCheck," TSA Administrator David Pekoske said.

"Permanently opening this PreCheck lane for travelers who join the risk-based program is a credit to the Government of The Bahamas and the commitment of the officers who are maintaining the highest standards of transportation security," Pekoske continued.

Nassau is one of the 16 international pre-clearance locations that have U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel on hand to inspect travelers before boarding flights to America.

Travelers who are citizens, U.S. nationals and lawful permanent residents can apply for TSA PreCheck for a cost of \$85 for a five-year membership.

The bridging power of the Schilthornbahn



Rick Steves

Suddenly, a bright modern cable car swooshes by with 30 tourists gawking out the windows. I'm watching the Schilthornbahn mountain lift from the terrace of a hotel in the tiny traffic-free hamlet of Gimmelwald, high in the Swiss Alps just south of Interlaken.

My friend Walter, who runs the hotel, joins me with a drink and tells me a local tale illustrating how the Schilthornbahn is good for more than tourism. In Gimmelwald, the modern world began in 1965 with the arrival of the cable car. Before that, mothers ready to give birth had to hike an hour downhill to the valley floor for a ride into Interlaken. Many mothers didn't make it all the way to the hospital. Just outside of Interlaken, a curve in the road is named for Zita, a Gimmelwald baby ... born right there.

Today, the all-powerful Schilthornbahn connects Stechelberg on the valley floor with the mountain communities of Gimmelwald and Murren on its way to the 10,000-foot Schilthorn summit. This lift shuttles life's essentials — mail, bread and coffins — plus skiers, hikers, schoolkids, and hang gliders, along with all those tourists — to and from each community.

The next morning, I decide to start my day by riding the cable car up to the summit of the Schilthorn, which is capped by a restaurant called Piz Gloria. Lifts go twice hourly, involve two transfers, and take 30 minutes. Inside the gondola, watching the altitude meter go up, up, up comes with a soundtrack: my ears popping.

Reaching the top, I head to an unforgettable break-



Sleek lifts on the Schilthornbahn mountain transport locals and visitors alike in the Swiss Alps. **DOMINIC ARIZONA BONUCCELLI**

fast. Every table in the revolving restaurant comes with a thrilling and eventually 360-degree view. The experience never gets old. I sip my coffee slowly to enjoy one complete circle. Then, I drop into the theater to see clips from the James Bond movie "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," in which it seems that this same restaurant is blown up. Finally, I go outside for the real thrills — to frolic on the ridge. A combination of the thin air and watching hang gliders jump into airborne ecstasy always stokes my pumping heart.

Now it's time to head back down the mountain. While it's possible to

hike down from the top, I've found that the first gondola station below the summit, Birg, is the best jumping-off point for a high-country hike. Leaving Birg, I hike down toward Gimmelwald. Within a couple minutes, I'm surrounded by a harsh alpine world. After skidding through a patch of loose shale, I stop for a moment — just to hear the tumbling pebbles eventually grow silent and be replaced by the distant tinkling of cowbells and a cascading stream. As I hike gingerly along the edge of a ridge, dramatic valleys stretch to my left and right while, high above, icy Alps pop against a brilliant blue.

If the quality of a church is a matter of how close you feel to God, being high in the Alps just might be Europe's ultimate cathedral. A day like today, with a perch like this, has holy rollers doing cartwheels and even Lutherans raising their hands.

After a steep descent, I step out of the forest and reach the village I call home. The finish line is a bench that sits where the trail hits the tiny paved lane that marks the high end of Gimmelwald. This bench is one of my favorite "savor Europe" spots: the right place to just sit still and take it all in. Cows munch, ignoring the view. The little resort of Murren

crowns a bluff above me on the left, keeping all the fancy tourists where they belong. Directly across the valley, a river bursts out of a glacier. Below that, in a lonely meadow, an alpine farm that has intrigued me for years still sits high above the tree line, forever alone amid distant flecks that must be cows and goats. Below me, the village schoolyard comes with the happy noise of children at play. Suddenly, Christian, a farmer (and the town's go-to accordion player), rumbles by. He's coming back from the fields in his mini truck towing a wobbly wagonload of hay. His kids bounce on top like happy cartoons.

There are many peaks and ridges in Switzerland offering high-elevation thrills — but at the end of the day, I love kicking off my boots in storybook-perfect Gimmelwald. Celebrating the moment, I realize that I wouldn't be there — and neither would it — if not for the mighty Schilthornbahn.

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Touring sparked Woosung's travel bug

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

While Kim Woo-sung's bandmates in South Korea are serving their mandatory military duty, the Korean American guitarist/vocalist/songwriter for the pop-rock group The Rose is back in Los Angeles — not far from where he grew up.

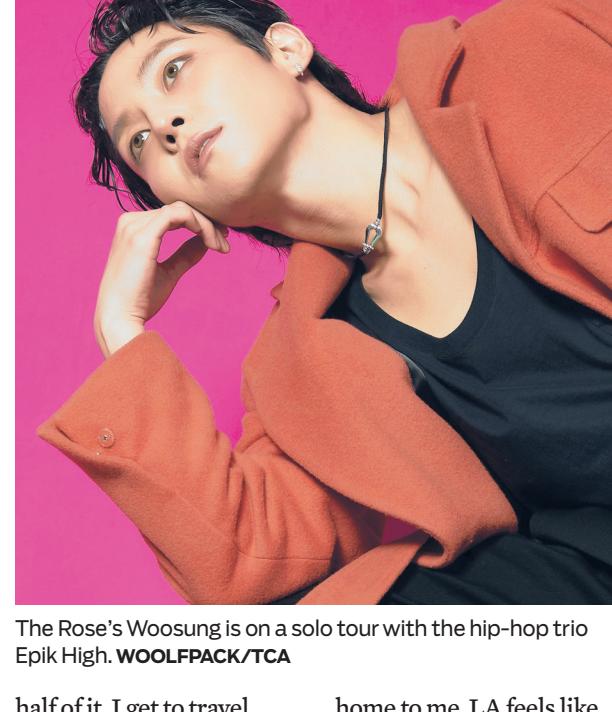
For our Zoom interview, the musician wore a simple black T-shirt and could easily pass as a college student, rather than someone who recently celebrated his 29th birthday. His aesthetics reflect his global travels. One of his favorite purchases for his LA home is a limited-edition sofa designed by France's Mojow Yomi NEP, which is visible in the background.

Known professionally as Woosung, the artist is on a North American tour with the hip-hop trio Epik High and said he's looking forward to performing songs from his solo album "GENRE." (For tour dates, check out epikhigh.com.)

Woosung stays in touch with fans on Twitter @woosungofficial and Instagram @iwoosung.

Q: Many children dream about becoming a rock star. Was that your dream as well?

A: No, when I was younger, my dream was to do something with sports. But when I was really young — 5 or 6 — I wanted to be a Pokemon Master. I believed that Pokemon was going to be real in the near future and that I could travel around the world and have a little Pikachu with me and catch Pokemon. I am still doing



The Rose's Woosung is on a solo tour with the hip-hop trio Epik High. **WOLFPACK/TCA**

half of it. I get to travel around the world.

Q: I know that you split your time between homes in Seoul and LA. Where else have you lived?

A: When I was younger, I traveled a lot because I moved a lot. So I lived in Canada, the Philippines, South Korea, America. I went back and forth a lot.

But other than that, I didn't really travel travel until The Rose started touring.

Q: Where were some of those places?

A: When we started touring, Europe was the first place we got to go. And it was amazing because, first of all, I'd never been to Europe before. I didn't know what to expect.

I remember Brussels, because (our show) was the first K-pop concert they had in that city. It was us. That's how we started the first tour with The Rose. Brussels is really beautiful. We've been to Japan, the Philippines, Brazil, Mexico, a bunch of cities in America. I also really like Paris, London and Amsterdam.

Q: Does living in both Seoul and LA feel chaotic?

A: No, they both feel like

home to me. LA feels like home from my younger age. This is where I grew up. Korea is home for me as a young adult. They're different vibes and my goal is to spend half a year in each place. Ideally, I'd like to live three months in Korea, then three months in the U.S. and continue like that.

Q: If you had unlimited time off, where would you want to visit?

A: Hmm, I want to fly to somewhere that I've never been before like Greece. The pictures (I've seen) are beautiful. I like nature. I don't like hiking, but I like the fresh air. Greece has a lot of cool architecture. Yeah, I want to go there.

Q: You mentioned not liking hiking, but do you enjoy camping?

A: (Laughs) You know what? I used to be so active in my teenage days. I loved camping, fishing, playing basketball, football, skateboarding, mountain biking — I did all that. But after 10 years of being a young adult in Korea living my life mostly indoors doing music, I like being inside.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Hertz customer charged an extra 8 days for rental

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: I rented a car from Hertz for three days in Palm Beach, Florida, recently. Hertz tried to charge me for 2 hours and 11 days. I have contacted the car rental company several times to try to resolve this. I can prove that I was at the Palm Beach airport when I returned the car and back in Philadelphia on the dates Hertz is claiming I rented the car for 11 days. I should have paid Hertz \$237. Instead, Hertz charged me \$953. Please help me resolve this issue. I know the Palm Beach airport location for Hertz is extremely understaffed at the moment. The folks that work there are a gem. I use this rental location often.

— Elie-Anne Chevrier, Philadelphia

the charges on their credit cards.

I think you would have had a strong case for challenging the bill on your credit card under the Fair Credit Billing Act.

Hertz says its location inadvertently closed the original contract before the return date. Then it opened a new contract but closed it on the incorrect date.

Hertz should have a system in place to resolve a billing dispute like yours. And again, under normal circumstances, someone would review your grievance and adjust your bill.

In the past few months, I've seen more automation taking over tasks like these. And bots are frequently infuriating; they often dismiss serious issues, forcing customers to either pay up or dispute

email you the final invoice. Hold on to that, because it proves you brought the car back as promised. I saw what appeared to be an estimate of final charges, but it was for a different amount (\$237).

I contacted Hertz on your behalf. A representative called you and agreed to drop the extra charges. Hertz also offered you a voucher for two free rental days, which was a nice way of apologizing for the mistake.

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CELEBRITIES

Hall returning to journalism roots

By David Bauder

Associated Press

Now a successful talk show host, Tamron Hall is both returning to her journalism roots and taking advantage of the public's never-ending fascination with crime stories in a new Court TV series that recently debuted.

What the stories she tells in "Someone They Knew" have in common is what the title suggests — each of the victims had a personal connection to their killer.

Hall's daytime talk show, now in its third season, has been renewed for two more years. That's a significant success in an industry where establishing a syndicated show can be very difficult.

As a local news reporter in Chicago and her native Texas before that, Hall would often report on crime stories.

After moving to NBC News in 2007, where she was a host on MSNBC and the third hour of "Today," she also anchored a crime series on the Investigation: Discovery network for six years.

That show ended during the initial stages of the pandemic, freeing Hall to help develop the new idea for Court TV.

Consumers can't seem to get enough crime stories, from prime-time series such as the recently revived "Law & Order," to news magazines to podcasts.

Many of the nonfiction stories are stylized and very well told, but Hall said in an interview that she'd often felt something was missing.

"Sometimes the reminder was missing that this was a real person," Hall said. "This is not a story. This is a mother or father or friend or aunt or uncle who won't go home again, who won't celebrate birthdays or anniversaries



Talk show host and journalist Tamron Hall tells the stories of victims who had a personal connection to their killer in "Someone They Knew." CHRISTOPHER SMITH/INVISION 2019

or life in general."

The topic is personal for Hall because her older sister, Renate, was found bludgeoned to death in the pool of her Houston home in 2004.

No one was ever charged with the crime.

Hall said police told her family they had a strong suspicion about who it might be but felt they did not have enough evidence for a conviction. Officially, it's a cold case.

"I felt as helpless as any other family that I've covered, and I've covered a lot of cases where families don't get justice, where there are no charges," she said.

Her family wants justice, but also knows that it won't bring her sister back, and wonders if the pain that would resurface in a risky trial would be worth it.

And, yes, Hall believes that Renate's killer was

someone she knew.

"People often associate crime with people in dark corners waiting to leap out," she said. "And it's not always that. Sadly, it's often friends, colleagues, loved ones. This is certainly not a show to make you afraid of what's around you, but it is one that is thought-provoking when it comes to humanity and relationships."

The series "Someone They Knew," which is slated for 24 episodes, airs Sundays on Court TV.

March 13 birthdays: Drummer Roy Haynes is 97. Singer Neil Sedaka is 83. Singer Candi Staton is 82.

Actor William H. Macy is 72. Comedian Robin Duke is 68. Actor Dana Delaney is 66. Trumpeter Terence Blanchard is 60. Actor Annabeth Gish is 51. Rapper Common is 50. Singer Glenn Lewis is 47. Actor Emile Hirsch is 37.

Dear Amy: I learned how to cook from my mother, grandmother and aunts — who all lived under the same roof.

In a Latin family like mine, it was a given that women learned to cook.

I loved being among these wise ladies.

Fast-forward to now. I am married to a wonderful man. Although he's not Latin, he has fully embraced my culture.

My husband comes from a small family and his mother likes having everyone over for dinner.

The problem is that this woman cannot cook, and she has no interest in learning.

There are family members (including my husband) who get physically sick after eating one of her meals!

I've tried bringing over a side dish, but she takes offense. She declines help in the kitchen.

The poultry and whatever other meat she serves is burned on the outside and raw inside. She doesn't get why people are eating small portions of food and why no one wants leftovers.

I won't invite her over for dinner because she claims she has food allergies and other illnesses, which have never been medically diagnosed.

Dear Amy: I have 40 years of AA sobriety and meeting experience. I recently asked a church in my hometown for permission to have meetings there. I was sent a letter stating that there were not any rooms available.

I know this is a lie because they just added on to the church two years ago.

Dear Hungry: Whatever message is delivered, I suggest that you should not be the person to do it.

You are justifiably proud of your culinary tradition, but you are dealing with someone who did not grow up



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Mother-in-law's cooking leaves a bad taste

Dear Amy: I learned how to cook from my mother, grandmother and aunts — who all lived under the same roof.

Yours mother-in-law doesn't see anything wrong with her lack of cooking skills — because she doesn't have cooking skills, and doesn't seem to want to acquire them.

No one should consume food that is obviously not safe to eat, and if meat is undercooked, you should avoid it. Your husband (not you) should ask his mother, "Mom, could you cook this longer? I'm not sure this is cooked through."

You could work on becoming more tolerant all-around.

The idea is for you to demonstrate that you can create in your own home the generous, loving, hospitable and lively culinary tradition that you grew up with.

Invite your mother-in-law to your home for meals, and let her know that if she is nervous about eating your food, she can bring her own, but that you will always set a place for her, because love and kindship surrounding the table are the most important ingredients of all.

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in that same tradition and quite obviously will not embrace it.

Other churches in my city host AA meetings, so why not this one?

— Seeking a Meeting

Dear Seeking: You seem to be making a lot of assumptions about the availability surrounding this particular space, as well as the motivations of the people who have turned you down.

Church committees generally review requests for space, and their refusal might be because of a booking conflict with another organization, or because they can't afford the cost of the utilities and personnel required to keep the building open and heated off-hours.

Accusing them of lying is unwise and unkind. Fortunately, there are options for meetings in other local spaces, as well as online (AA.org).

Dear Amy: Your letter from "Distressed Dad" really made my blood boil. His 20-year-old daughter lied that she had been vaccinated for COVID-19, when she had not.

I don't always agree with you, but I did appreciate your response here, asking this father to put his daughter's risk-taking into perspective.

When I thought about it, I realized that my own kids had often behaved in a similar way at that age.

— Survivor

Dear Survivor: As a parent, I've been there — several times.

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Aries (March 21-April 19):

You deserve to heal from wounding experiences and release baggage you've been holding on to lately. It's a good idea to write down a list of the things you don't want to bring into the future, then release them.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Nurturing your friendships is particularly important right now. Just like a plant needs special care at certain times, bring a touch of kindness to the people you surround yourself with. Check in with your loved ones. You may end up being the shoulder they cry on. Offering a listening ear will mean a lot.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

Your vital goals could be highlighted in your heart as well as your mind today. This will help you get to where you want to be in a gentle way, like a fish following the pull of the tide. Listen to your intuition! Whether you want to stay put or move on, the message should be clear.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

The world wants you to go beyond your current comfort zone in order to do some self-discovery at the moment. Don't fear change. Instead, embrace it and look for new ways for you to evolve as a person. Make an effort to broaden your personal horizons along the way.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

Your boundaries might be subject to change today. This deals with everything from shared finances to intimate bonds, so you could notice yourself going through some intense emotions! Transmute whatever difficulties you experience into becoming a better version of yourself.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

The important connections in your life could be a source of great comfort right now. If you've been hitting a wall with an important pal lately, this is the perfect time to extend an olive branch and consciously make an effort to get on the same page. If that seems unlikely, then it may be time to move on.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Your energy levels could change from moment to moment throughout the day, so you could feel rather out of it. Take things gently and don't push yourself too hard! Try something relaxing and creative, like gentle yoga or even a dance class where you can express yourself.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 20):

Creativity could go through the roof today as you take in all sorts of fresh possibilities! Whether you decide to pen a poem, paint a picture or put on a performance, take action to let your expressive side out to play. Don't worry about creating something long-lasting.

approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution.

In 1938, famed attorney Clarence S. Darrow died.

In 1943, financier and philanthropist J.P. Morgan Jr. died.

In 1996, a gunman burst into an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, and opened fire, killing 16

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Your home life has likely been rather stressful for a while. Today you're being offered the chance to find some peace of mind under your own roof. If things with a roommate have become beyond stressful, you can both let bygones be bygones, easing tensions for everyone.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Your words can be weapons, but today they can also be tools for bringing people together. Get in touch with your emotions. Let yourself speak from the heart rather than the head, and be willing to meet others halfway if necessary. People should gratefully remember the kindnesses you did them.

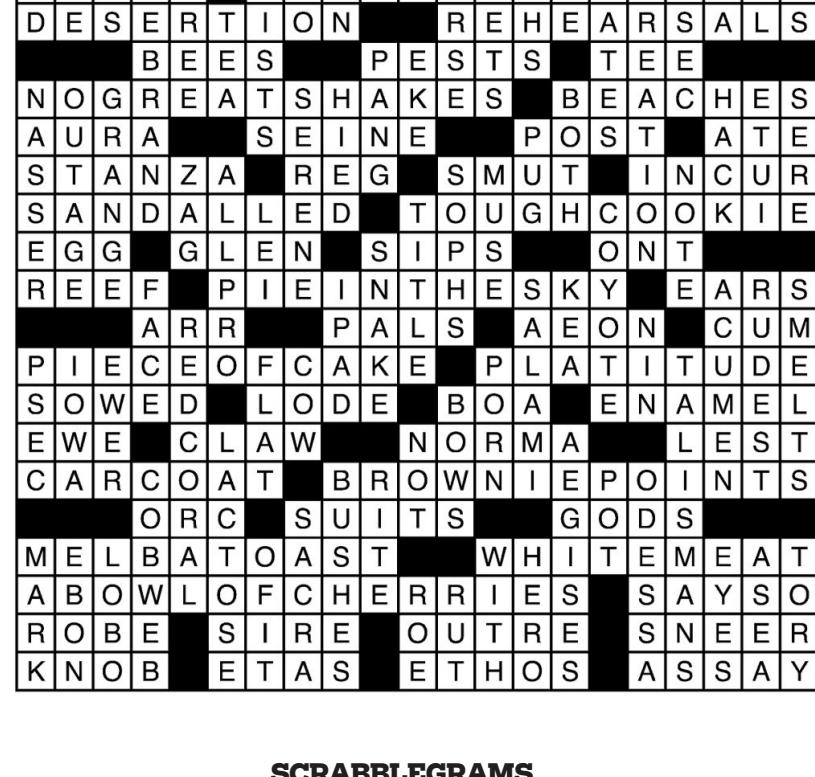
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Money could seem to trickle through your fingers together, regardless of whether you keep a close eye on your spending. Watch out for deals that seem too good to be true, because they're likely to turn out to be just that. A donation would be a better use of your funds today.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 18):

Something special fills the air around you, opening you up to many possibilities. If you've been confused about what direction you're heading in, think about taking some time off to get back in touch with your inner voice. Answers could come when you least expect.

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



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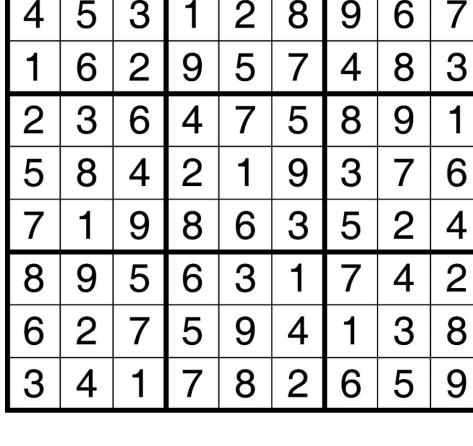
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After two hours on horseback, they were done. Two hours was just the —

"RIDE" AMOUNT OF TIME

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

Reviving favorite leaky boots



Ellen Warren

Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: My winter boots have served me well, but now there's a hole in the rubber sole. Can they be resoled or must I buy new ones?

— Mike A.

Dear Mike: It depends. If the sole is stitched to the boot, it can be replaced at a shoe repair shop.

You'll need to decide if the replacement cost would be worth it as opposed to buying a new pair. If, on the other hand, the sole is glued on, the chances of having the boots resoled and continue to be waterproof is a big if. Finally, you will find do-it-yourself instructions online to glue new rubber soles on your boots, but the steps are daunting and the results are questionable.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Is there anyway you can get me a source for my favorite pajamas, made by Earth Angel? I contacted Kohl's, where I bought them, and they could only tell me Posh (is it Poshmark?) and maybe eBay. I love them so much, and they are falling apart. They are long-legged, short-sleeve, with button-down front.

— Ginger K.

Dear Ginger: The person you talked to at Kohl's gave you good advice. Poshmark.com and eBay.com are excellent resources for discontinued but new or gently worn clothing, shoes and accessories. Mercari.com is another site to check out. Some sites let you place a request and will notify you when what you're looking for becomes available. I've had good luck with all three sites when looking for a



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beloved item that is no longer available in stores. Facebook Marketplace is another resource I haven't used yet. Some sellers also will pay shipping costs (which is where you can really get hammered on seemingly lowball pricing on items).

Angelic Readers 1

Debbie P. writes, "Nancy D. complained about 'impossible-to-read lines on laundry soap caps.' My solution is to take a black permanent marker and mark the fill line on the outside of the cap. Can also mark it on the inside. Then it is easy to add the proper amount of detergent. If you keep buying the same brand, simply keep the marked cap (recycle the other one!)."

Angelic Readers 2

From Chris F.: "I just read one of your recent columns. (It's been busy. I'm a substitute teacher!) I have found an amazing product for laundry. It's called TruEarth laundry soap (tru.earth, \$19.95 for 32 loads). It is laundry soap in sheet form and it comes in a cardboard envelope (no more plastic jugs!) and it really works. My husband is a farmer who works on his equipment and my son works in a welding shop during the summer. It's made in Canada, reasonably priced and shipped right to me. They also sell all-purpose cleaner in sheet form and wool dryer balls, which I also love. I am not affiliated with the company in any way, lol! I just really use the

product and it has made my hectic life easier!"

Angelic Readers 3

Leslie L. says, "You recently wrote that Dawn dishwashing soap is terrific for removing greasy stains from clothing. I agree! I've been using it for years. Please advise your readers to be cautious, when applying the ubiquitous deep blue variety to light-colored clothing. If it sits too long the blue will stain the fabric and can't be removed. Now I only use the 'Free and Clear' variety readily available at most stores."

Reader Rant

From Bonita F.: "I love your suggestions, but have to say I strongly disagree with one thing. **NO ONE** should wear white to a wedding — ever, except the bride! This is not a generational thing either. As the mother of three brides last year, all three ladies made it clear that they did not want anyone wearing white other than them, even to the dress rehearsal, where the brides-to-be wore cute white cocktail dresses."

From Ellen: Wedding trends change. White or black is now considered OK for wedding guests — unless the bride disagrees. It is her day and she's the boss!

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangeellen@gmail.com.

Are you sure you're actually dating this church friend?



Judith Martin

Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I have been dating a widower from my church for more than four years. But when he comes to church, he acts like he does not know me.

Our church has a lunch program every Sunday, and he hasn't sat with me and eaten with me. When he goes on vacation, it's usually with his three kids, their spouses and his five grandkids. They have been to China, France, Germany, Iceland, Canada and Mexico.

Every holiday, he spends with his family. He also says he does not celebrate his birthday, so he does not even know mine.

When I say, "I would be happy to receive fresh flowers," his response is, "My wife never asked for anything like that."

He does not introduce me to anybody and he likes to keep me as a secret friend.

How should I handle this cheap, stubborn, self-centered person? Now I just talk to him occasionally on the phone, with no more intimacy.

He has said in the past that he wants to be my friend, but he has no plans for a future with me and he is not looking for marriage.

Gentle reader: Yes, he has made that quite clear. Miss Manners recommends that you continue disassociating with him.

Dear Miss Manners: Is there a polite way to tell a co-worker that you do not want them to use a microwave that you personally bought?

There is a communal microwave in our teachers' lounge that anyone is welcome to use. I work in an area that is separate from the main building, so I bought a microwave that I use there daily.

This co-worker is new to our school and teaches in an adjoining classroom. Simply put, she is loud, pushy, obnoxious, and talks incessantly.

I actually gave her my old microwave when I got the new one so I wouldn't have to deal with her,

but it stopped working a

couple of days ago. She has

already asked to use mine;

I fear this will become a

few-times-a-day habit.

She could well afford to buy her own small microwave, or she could use the one in the main building. How do I nip this in the bud without starting a whole thing?

Gentle reader: Although there is technically nothing rude about refusing use of your personal microwave, Miss Manners agrees that it will have to be delivered with care if it is not to become a point of contention.

If you surprise your co-worker by both apologizing to her and insulting yourself, it will give you time for a quick getaway: "I'm so sorry, but I'm weirdly fussy about my microwave, which is why I bought my own so I don't have to use the communal one."

Dear Miss Manners: After surgery for a cancerous tumor and six months of chemotherapy, I lost all the hair on my entire body. I am grateful that I am alive, but I am struggling with comments regarding my hair.

My hair was one of my best features. It was a beautiful color and texture, and I received compli-

ments often.

Now, I don't know what to say when people comment on my very short hair.

I have a wig, but it's tedious to make sure it's on correctly, and is very uncomfortable on hot days.

I know my hair will grow back and that a good stylist can restore it to its former beauty, but in the meantime, the questions and comments sting. I don't know how to respond.

Gentle reader: "I had something done" — leaving it purposely ambiguous whether it was for health or aesthetic reasons.

Sadly, suggesting that it was a fashion choice will likely garner less follow-up than the more personal question of your health. But perhaps Miss Manners may be underestimating human nosiness even in that.

Dear Miss Manners: I attended a late-afternoon lecture, in a stuffy room, on a topic that wasn't as interesting as I had hoped. Unfortunately, I nodded off once or twice.

I didn't know what to do: stay and risk nodding off again, or leave and risk catching everyone's attention and disrupting the speaker?

I really didn't want to do either, but it was a really boring lecture.

Gentle reader: Unfair as it may seem, visibly sleeping through a lecture is rude. Your choice is therefore to excuse yourself or to learn how to sleep without getting caught.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

MY PET WORLD

Safest place for pet to ride in the car is the back seat

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: Where is the safest spot for my senior bulldog to sit on car trips? We have a small SUV with side curtain airbags in the back seats. I live in Los Angeles County and avoid the freeways as much as possible when Elvis is in the car, but sometimes this is not possible. I love him so much I almost want to leave LA so I can keep him safer. Advice?

— Kimberly, San Dimas, California

Dear Kimberly: Just like with small children, the safest place for any pet to be is in the back seat of the car, preferably in a harness, car tether, car seat (for pets), or carrier to secure them. In the front seat, a deployed airbag could severely injure or kill a pet (side airbags don't seem to come with the same warnings). You also may secure your dog in the back of the SUV, but I recommend using a trolley tether to secure him or a crate that is large enough for your dog to stand up and turn around in. The crate also provides some extra protection for your dog in case you are in a rear-end collision.

Dear Cathy: Two months ago, I adopted a 3-year-old husky mix. She was a stray and had a poorly healed fractured leg. She is a great dog but she locks up and refuses to get into cars. She is too big for me to carry. When I first brought her home, she relaxed once she was in the car, but recently I took her back to the vet and she was terrified and shaking the whole time we were driving. Initially, I couldn't even get her to walk toward the driveway that had the car parked in it. She is generally indifferent to food and treats, but I have gotten her to walk closer to the car by laying a trail of herring and liverwurst. Any words of wisdom?

— Shelley, Tucson, Arizona



Just like with children, the safest place for any pet is in the back seat of the car. DREAMSTIME

Dear Shelley: You have the right idea. Begin by encouraging her to walk or sit near the car. You can even extend that food trail into the car, across the back seat, and out the other side door. Once she is comfortable doing that, encourage her to sit in the car by tossing yummy treats onto her seat.

The next step, start the car's motor. Stand far enough away that she won't get anxious and toss treats to the ground, moving closer to the car each day. When you are near the car, toss treats across the back seat again to see if she will follow the trail into the car while the motor is running.

If you get her to do this, you're halfway home. The next step involves sitting in the car with her while the motor is running.

When she is comfortable with that, it's time to take her on a drive. Encourage her into the car with the treats and once she is comfortable, pull out and then back into the driveway, eventually building up the amount of time she is in the car. You might consider buying a pheromone collar or pheromone spray or wipes to use during this desensitization process (see the next letter).

After all this, if she continues to shiver and

shake around cars, then it's time to talk to your veterinarian about some medication, which can help during the desensitization process, and maybe a trainer or behaviorist who can work one-on-one with you to tweak your efforts.

Let me know how she does.

Dear Cathy: I would like to address the pheromone issue that has been discussed recently in your columns. I agree that pheromones alone do not solve behavior problems in cats, but it would seem that pheromones are a credible addition to behavior modification techniques. Here is my experience: I adopted Molly, a very needy shelter cat, some years ago. Molly was extremely anxious and over-groomed to the point that she had a bald spot that ran right down her spine. My vet suggested a pheromone diffuser. Molly's nervous behavior did not completely disappear, but over time, with loving attention and care, her anxiety subsided, and her fur eventually grew back.

I would like to believe that the pheromone diffuser played a part in relieving Molly's stress.

— Barbara, Massapequa, New York

Dear Barbara: Thank you for sharing your experience. You explained their use beautifully. Pheromones don't change behavior. They can simply create a sense of calm for some animals, which helps with training, desensitization and other behavior modifications.

Cathy M. Rosenthal is an animal advocate, author, columnist and pet expert. Send your questions, stories and tips to cathy@petpundit.com. Please include your name, city and state. You can follow her at cathymrosenthal.com.

Family of overdose victims discover solace

Bereavement group helping loved ones with struggles

By Aubrey Whelan
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Two weeks after her daughter died, Kim Robinson-Presley finally admitted to her husband that she needed help.

Robinson-Presley's daughter, Kimera Robinson, overdosed in February 2021. Self-effacing and bubbly, a mother of three, Kimera had been especially close with her own mother. She had struggled with a heroin addiction for years, and Robinson-Presley, who's in long-term recovery herself, helped as best she could, supporting her daughter through stints of sobriety and relapses.

In the fall of 2020, Robinson-Presley persuaded her daughter to leave Philadelphia and come home to Gettysburg. Kimera battled through withdrawal and stayed off drugs for months, reconnecting with family members and planning for the future.

One week in February, Kimera decided she was going back to the city. Robinson-Presley begged her daughter to stay. Kimera left anyway, and for days, the family didn't hear from her.

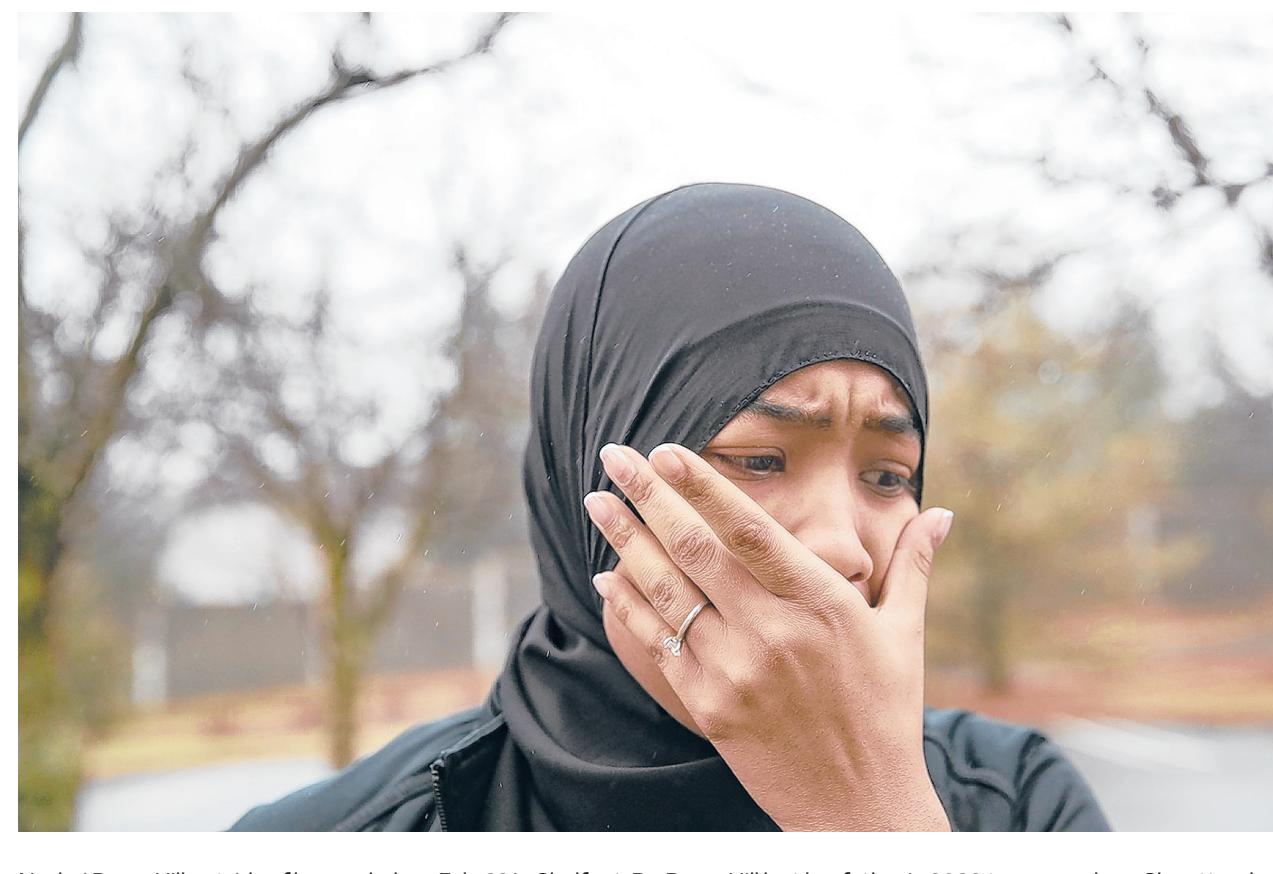
The phone rang on a Friday morning. It was the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office. "Unfortunately ...," the caller began.

Robinson-Presley remembers screaming and throwing the phone across the room.

"From there, I feel like my life was a movie. A game. A play," she said.

She tried to suppress her grief in front of her grandchildren but couldn't hold it in for long. She pushed away family members who suggested she just move on.

"I was really, really in a



Nashai Berry-Hill outside of her workplace Feb. 22 in Chalfont, Pa. Berry-Hill lost her father in 2020 to an overdose. She attends a

bad place," she said. "And one day, my husband called me from work — and I was out of my mind."

Robinson-Presley still marvels at the coincidence. Her husband was calling to tell her about a counseling service that had contacted him that very morning. Within moments, he connected his wife to Kaitlin Worden, a social worker on a city health department team that helps

people who've lost loved ones to overdose. Worden offered Robinson-Presley a spot in a bereavement support group. Reluctant as she was, Robinson-Presley said yes.

"I took a chance that I didn't want to — because it's so touchy, and I didn't really want to talk about it," Robinson-Presley said. "But I'm really grateful that I did."

Dozens of grieving

people have participated in

group and individual therapy through the bereave-

ment program, started in the Medical Examiner's Office in 2019 with overdose deaths spiking again. The number would only worsen with the pandemic.

The office already offered similar help for families of gun violence and suicide victims.

"Shortly after I started, it was clear that there were so many people who could benefit," said program director Laura Vargas, the licensed clinical social worker who started the program.

This year, Vargas and her

colleagues have been training

Robinson-Presley and other members of some of

the longer-running support

groups to operate inde-

pendently, so the program

can launch even more

groups. Robinson-Presley

will start leading group

sessions this month.

For Robinson-Presley, it's

been a lifeline. "I just like

the fact that I can be myself

— where I'm at right now in

my grief process, I'm very angry. I can't tell that to everyone that I'm around all the time. But knowing that everyone on that call understands — that's a beautiful thing."

The office reaches out to as many families as they can; out of 1,214 overdose deaths in 2020, Vargas and her colleagues were able to find about 1,000 families, she said.

"Laura has a term — complicated loss," said Rachel Zervas, of Lansdowne, who lost her daughter, Claudia, in 2020.

"When someone has

been going through

substance abuse for a

decade, you love that

person, but they've also

done a lot of things that

hurt you," she said. "Most

people don't get that. But

with this group, everyone

gets it. It's a place where

you can talk about some of

those more complicated,

hard-to-explain reactions

that we're having."

Stigma and shame around addiction mean some family members of overdose victims feel even more isolated in their grief, Vargas said.

Amarilis Ruiz, who lost her brother, Carlos, to an overdose in 2019, said the group has helped her family process his death, in a way they wouldn't have been able to on their own.

"There's stigma with addiction — there's a lot of shame and guilt," she said. "My mom, in particular — I had to convince her to let me tell one of my brother's closest friends that he had died of an overdose, and even to this day, a lot of her friends don't know. But in the group, she was able to talk about what she was feeling. She made friends. And it made it possible

for us to be more open

and vulnerable with each other. It brought us closer together."

As the overdose crisis has

ballooned in Philadelphia

and is affecting more families of color, the bereavement program has adapted to accommodate different cultural perspectives on addiction. "It's something we saw early on, this stark shift in demographics," said Vargas. "And we're also recognizing that outreach efforts are different in different communities."

The changing face of today's opioid overdose crisis, once stereotyped as affecting mostly white people, comes up in the support groups, too, said Robinson-Presley, who is one of two Black women in her group.

"I brought this up in group the other day — that we'll see articles about [white overdose victims] — and you don't see anything about the Black people that are passing away," she said. "Why isn't my child important? She was loved, heavily. I had to turn people away from her funeral."

In sessions, group members discuss the intensely personal — their own feelings of guilt or shame — and the universal, like the stress of the pandemic and the proliferation of the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl, which has contaminated much of Philadelphia's drug supply.

Nashai Berry-Hill, who lost her father, Michael Hill, to a fentanyl overdose in September 2020, said the chef relapsed after a long period of recovery.

In her personal therapy sessions with Vargas and Worden, and in her group sessions, she's talked about her shock over her father's death and the sense of unreality she still feels when she thinks about the counterfeit pharmaceutical pill that likely cost him his life.

"I didn't have time to grieve when my father died, but dealing with this group is allowing me to find small moments when I can," Berry-Hill said.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Beware of benzene lurking in your aerosol products

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.

King Features Syndicate

Q: I was disappointed to read that so many popular aerosol antiperspirants and deodorants contain benzene. What about other aerosol products, like hairsprays, air fresheners and cleaning products? Do they also contain benzene? How much more are we breathing in unknowingly, without fair warning?

A: We started worrying about benzene in consumer products about a year ago. That was when the testing laboratory Valisure reported that many hand sanitizers were contaminated with benzene.

The Food and Drug Administration eventually issued a notification that consumers were not to use certain products that contained benzene. Since that announcement, Valisure has discovered benzene in other aerosol products, including a number of popular sunscreens, antiperspirants and body sprays.

On Feb. 16 the FDA published a company announcement that Sure and Brut aerosol sprays were being recalled because of benzene. The products in question have "expiration dates on or before August 2023." The announcement states that:

"Benzene is classified as a

human carcinogen. Exposure to benzene can occur

by inhalation, orally, and

through the skin and it can

result in cancers including

leukemia and blood cancer

of the bone marrow and

blood disorders which can

be life-threatening."

No one is certain why the benzene is showing up in aerosol products, but Valisure has proposed that petroleum products such as butane or propane used



Last month, the FDA said that Sure and Brut aerosol sprays were being recalled due to benzene. DREAMSTIME

in the propellants could be a source of the contamination. That might mean that many other aerosols are

also problematic. The FDA has no power to remove contaminated over-the-counter products from the marketplace. It can only request "voluntary" recalls.

Q: I have a strong family history of Alzheimer's disease. If I cannot remember a word or an important date, it scares me half to death.

I have been doing a lot of research on what to do and not do to try to prevent dementia. I recently read that herpes infections might be a contributing factor. This is very worrisome, because I have suffered from cold sores for many years.

I have started taking L-lysine to speed healing. Do you think it will help prevent dementia?

A: The herpes theory of Alzheimer's disease has been kicking around for roughly 40 years. A Canadian pathologist suggested that the herpes simplex virus (HSV-1) that causes cold sores might also be causing "degenerative lesions" within the brain (Canadian Journal of

Neurological Sciences, August 1982).

Although this idea languished for decades, researchers are now reconsidering the "Viral Hypothesis and Antiviral Treatment in Alzheimer's Disease" (Current Neurology and Neuroscience Reports, July 14, 2018).

There are now at least two randomized controlled trials underway to test the antiviral drug valacyclovir (Valtrex) against Alzheimer's disease (ACS Chemical Neuroscience, April 7, 2021).

L-lysine is an amino acid supplement that was

first proposed to treat HSV-1 and prevent Alzheimer's disease by a retired geriatrician (Neuropsychiatry Disease and Treatment, Oct. 27, 2010).

Sadly, this hypothesis has never been tested in a clinical trial and remains "highly speculative."

Until there are well-controlled clinical trials, we have no way of determining whether L-lysine can speed healing of cold sores or help reduce the risk of dementia.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplestharmacy.com

Q&A

Stroke prevention strategies

Mayo Clinic

Q: A family member had a stroke a month ago. I'm 45 years old, and I maintain a healthy lifestyle with regular exercise and a good diet. What steps can I take to make sure this doesn't happen to me?

A: A stroke occurs when the blood supply to part of your brain is interrupted or significantly reduced, depriving brain tissue of oxygen and nutrients, and causing brain cells to die.

A stroke has several common causes. A frequent cause is narrowing of the arteries in the neck — the carotid arteries — that carry blood to the brain. This narrowing occurs due to fatty deposits in those arteries.

A tear or injury in the wall of a blood vessel, certain heart conditions and blood clotting disorders also can result in strokes, particularly in younger people.

If any of these conditions are identified, treatment and prevention should be targeted to that particular condition.

In some conditions, the optimal approach to stroke prevention is not certain. For example, many people have narrowing of the carotid artery, but they are asymptomatic.

For about 35% of people who have a stroke, a specific cause can't be identified. This is called a cryptogenic stroke.

If this is your situation, the goal should be to work with your primary care physician or neurologist to pinpoint any stroke risk factors you have that can be modified.

Some stroke risk factors cannot be changed. For example, gender, ethnicity, age and family medical history all play a role in stroke risk. Men are more likely than women to have a stroke. Asians and African Americans are also at increased risk. After age 55, your stroke risk doubles each decade.

Focusing on modifi-

able stroke risk factors can have a big impact. For instance, a variety of treatable medical conditions

can significantly affect your stroke risk. People who have high blood pressure, high cholesterol or uncontrolled diabetes are at increased risk for stroke.

If you have any of these conditions, talk to your health care provider about developing an effective treatment plan.

If you have elevated levels of low-density lipoprotein, also called LDL or "bad" cholesterol, for example,

taking a statin drug may lower not only your cholesterol, but also your stroke risk.

In addition to managing any underlying medical conditions, lifestyle choices can help. You mention that you exercise regularly and eat a healthy diet. Both are important.

Exercise can lower your blood pressure, increase your level of high-density lipoprotein, or HDL or "good" cholesterol, and improve the health of your blood vessels and heart. It also can help you lose weight, control diabetes and reduce stress.

A good goal is to participate in at least 30 minutes of moderate aerobic activity most days.

Depending on your medical history, preventive medications also can be appropriate. Anti-platelet drugs, such as aspirin or clopidogrel (Plavix), can make your blood less likely to form clots. Anticoagulant medication, such as heparin or warfarin, can help prevent strokes if you have certain heart problems or a blood clotting disorder.

The bottom line is that you can take steps to reduce your risk of stroke. But the specific measures that are right for you depend largely on your medical history. Talk to your health care provider about the stroke prevention approach that best fits your situation.

— Kevin Barrett, M.D., Neurology, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida

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A diet high in fruits and vegetables, and low in cholesterol and saturated fat, can reduce your stroke risk, as well as help you

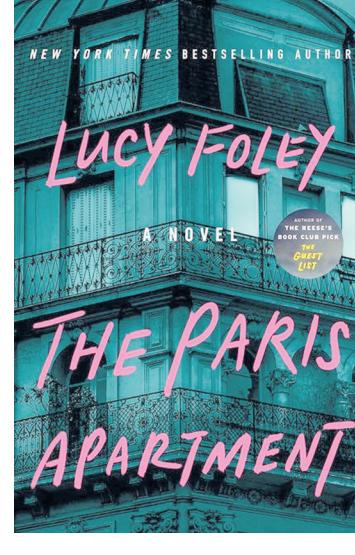


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1. "The Paris Apartment" by Lucy Foley (Morrow)
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2. "One Italian Summer" by Rebecca Serle (Atria) Last week: —

3. "The Atlas Six" by Olivie Blake (Tor) Last week: —

4. "House of Sky and Breath (Crescent City Series #2)" by Sarah J. Maas (Bloomsbury) Last week: 2

5. "The Club" by Ellery Lloyd (Harper) Last week: —

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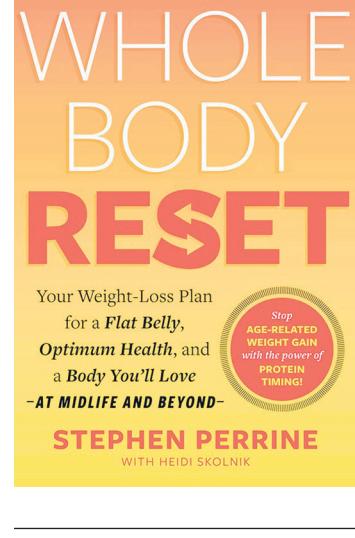
8. "The Maid" by Nita Prose (Ballantine) Last week: 8

9. "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles (Viking) Last week: 5

10. "The Judge's List" by John Grisham (Doubleday) Last week: 7

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1. "The Whole Body Reset: Your Weight-Loss Plan for a Flat Belly, Optimum Health & a Body You'll Love at Midlife and Beyond" by Stephen Perrine and Heidi Skolnik (Simon & Schuster) Last week: —



2. "Undistracted: Capture Your Purpose. Rediscover Your Joy" by Bob Goff (Thomas Nelson) Last week: —

3. "The Way Forward: Master Life's Toughest Battles and Create Your Lasting Legacy" by Robert O'Neill and Dakota Meyer (Dey Street) Last week: —

4. "Red-Handed: How American Elites Get Rich Helping China Win" by Peter Schweizer (Harper) Last week: 3

5. "Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience" by Brené Brown (Random House) Last week: 5

6. "Comedy Comedy Comedy Drama: A Memoir" by Bob Odenkirk (Random House) Last week: —

7. "Life Force: How New Breakthroughs in Precision Medicine Can Transform the Quality of Your Life & Those You Love" by Tony Robbins, Peter H. Diamandis and Robert Hariri (Simon & Schuster) Last week: 2

8. "Food IQ: 100 Questions, Answers, and Recipes to Raise Your Cooking Smarts" by Daniel Holzman and Matt Rodbard (Harper Wave) Last week: 36

9. "Black Ops: The Life of a CIA Shadow Warrior" by Ric Prado (St. Martin's) Last week: —

10. "I'll Start Again Monday: Break the Cycle of Unhealthy Eating Habits with Lasting Spiritual Satisfaction" by Lysa TerKeurst (Thomas Nelson) Last week: 30

For the week ended March 5, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

6 of 2021's most acclaimed titles make it into paperback

By Moira Macdonald

The Seattle Times

Some of 2021's most acclaimed titles are making their way into paperback, and here are six fresh ones.

'Who Is Maud Dixon?' by Alexandra Andrews (Little, Brown, \$16.99):

Film rights sold quickly for Andrews' Highsmith-esque debut, a twisty tale of a young aspiring novelist who gets a job as assistant to a famously reclusive writer whose true identity is a secret. "The playful Andrews alerts us early on, with a nod and a wink, to what she might be up to in this assured novel, though there is a bit of misdirection here, too," wrote Sarah Lyall in *The New York Times*.

'Klara and the Sun' by Kazuo Ishiguro (Vintage International, \$16.95):

Ishiguro, one of the most elegant prose stylists working today, wrote this bestselling tale of an Artificial Friend — for sale in a shop window, in a not-too-distant future society — as a companion piece to his earlier novel "Never Let Me Go." I thought of that, while immersed in "Klara and the Sun" last year, and marveling how a book about someone who isn't human could nonetheless become a poignant, unexpected story about love. (I also thought of Mr. Stevens, in "The Remains of the Day," and how good Ishiguro is at characters who feel more than they can express.)

'No One Is Talking About This' by Patricia Lockwood (Riverhead Books, \$17):

This book, a 2021 Booker Prize finalist and one of *The New York Times'* 10 best of the year, is Lockwood's debut novel; she previously published two poetry collections and an

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WHO IS MAUD DIXON?

A NOVEL

ALEXANDRA ANDREWS

'Who is Maud Dixon?'

By Alexandra Andrews, Little, Brown, 336 pages, \$16.99.

acclaimed memoir, "Priest-daddy?" In this book, a social media star navigates a worldwide appearance tour after going viral. NPR reviewer Heller McAlpin called it a "tour de force ... It's a testament to her skills as a rare writer who can navigate both sleaze and cheese, jokey tweets and surprising earnestness, that we not only buy her character's emotional epiphany but are moved by it."

'How Beautiful We Were' by Imbolo Mbue (Random House, \$18)

: Named as one of the 10 best books of the year by *The New York Times*, Mbue's follow-up to her acclaimed debut "Behold the Dreamers" is set in a fictional African village, where representatives from an American oil company have come to meet with the people they are poisoning. "This decades-spanning fable of power and corruption turns out to be something much less clear-cut than the familiar David-and-Goliath tale of a sociopathic corporation and the lives it steam-rolls," wrote *The New York Times* books staff in its year-end roundup. "Through the eyes of

Kosawa's citizens young and old, Mbue constructs a nuanced exploration of self-interest, of what it means to want in the age of capitalism and colonialism — these machines of malicious, insatiable wanting."

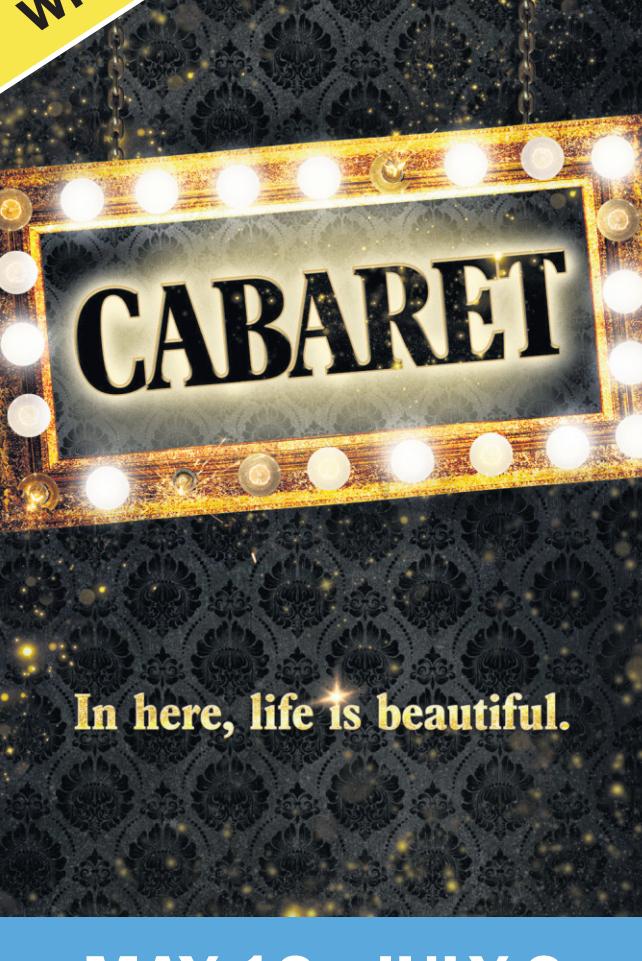
'The Rope: A True Story of Murder, Heroism, and the Dawn of the NAACP' by Alex Tresniowski (37 Ink, \$18.99):

Two threads intertwine in Tresniowski's nonfiction work: a Black man falsely accused of the murder of a child in 1910, and groundbreaking Black journalist Ida B. Wells' work to expose the truth about lynching. *Washington Post* reviewer Jerald Walker called it an "outstanding, meticulously researched book," noting that "anyone interested in Wells's evolution from obscure schoolteacher to civil rights icon and co-founder of the NAACP will find 'The Rope' compelling and inspirational. They may find it plenty upsetting, too."

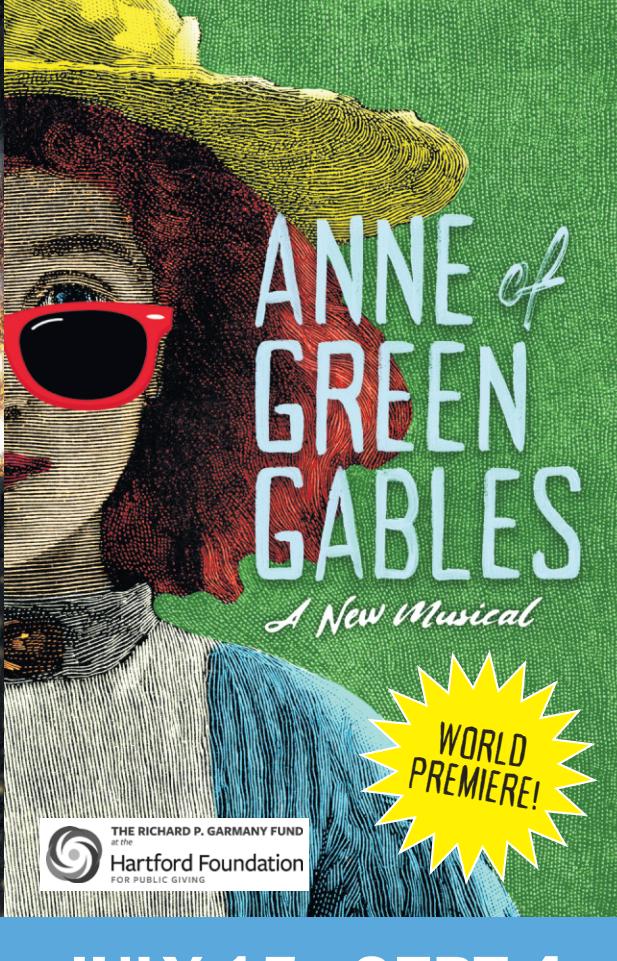
'You Made Me Love You: Selected Stories, 1981-2018' by John Edgar Wideman (Scribner, \$18.99):

This is the first short-fiction anthology from Wideman — winner of the 2019 PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in the Short Story — since 1992; it includes 35 stories. In a starred review, *Publishers Weekly* wrote, "In stories selected from 1981's *Damballah* up through 2018's *American Histories*, Wideman conveys a mastery of gritty realism, freewheeling blues, erudite autofiction, and African American mysticism, often grounded in a semi-fictional version of the Homewood section of Pittsburgh, the historically Black neighborhood where Wideman grew up ... A stunning showcase of Wideman's range."

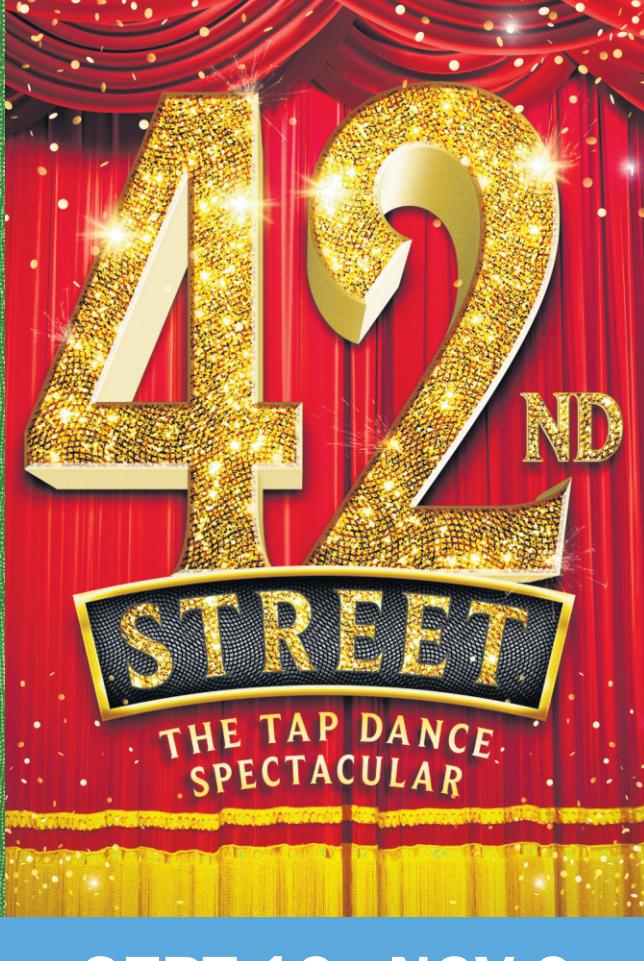
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RED SOX

Pivetta ready to go at spring training



Red Sox starting pitcher Nick Pivetta reacts at the end of a game against the Nationals on Oct. 3 in Washington. **NICK WASS/AP**

Pitcher made sure teammates are too

By Peter Abraham
Boston Globe

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Major League Baseball is planning to stay with 26-man rosters on Opening Day with a maximum of 13 pitchers.

The league will canvas general managers in a few weeks to determine if an additional pitcher is required to account for the shortened spring training caused by the lockout.

But for now, teams are planning on 13 with the understanding that the first few weeks could be a little dicey until everybody gets stretched out.

If the Red Sox emerge from April in good shape, Nick Pivetta may be one of the primary reasons.

The 29-year-old righthander has been pitching regularly for a month to make sure he'll be ready for the start of the season. He also helped organize group workouts with Chris Sale, Matt Barnes, Austin Davis, and several minor league pitchers at nearby Florida Gulf Coast University.

Christian Vazquez and Jackie Bradley Jr. also took part, as did some of the Minnesota Twins players who live in the area.

"It was a group effort, but I made sure everybody was on the same page," Pivetta said. "I was concerned about making sure guys could get their work in."

Inside

Yankees report to a shortened spring training that has everyone on edge, while Mets Scherzer is a happy camper, **Page 2**

Sale was an All-American at FGCU and is a major donor to the program, so the players had all the access they required at Swanson Stadium, which is only 8 miles from Fenway South.

The Eagles also provided a few catchers and some hitters for what proved to be three live batting practice sessions.

"As the lockout happened, we all came together as a group and the

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Surge bounces UConn's hopes

Huskies likely No. 2 seed in NCAA tourney

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

The UConn women's basketball team may not have an easy road to the Final Four, but after a strong finish to the season and dominant performance in the Big East Tournament, it might involve fewer air miles.

By nearly all bracket projections, the Huskies will be in a significantly better position than they were in the NCAA's last pretournament bracket reveal on Feb. 28, and will be a No. 2 seed when the official bracket is released Sunday at 8 p.m.

"I feel like we're used to stepping up when we need to," senior Christyn Williams said. "And I feel like we're just playing

Up next
Women's Selection Show, 8 p.m., ESPN

our best basketball right now, and we're firing on all cylinders. I think that's really good for us moving forward."

According to ESPN's Charlie Creme, the Huskies will be assigned to the Bridgeport Regional, which means the road would begin with two home games at Gampel Pavilion, then move on to the Sweet 16 and Regional Final games at Webster Bank Arena.

But by that projection, the Huskies, who have reached the Final Four 13 consecutive years, could face Kentucky, a possible No. 7 seed, fresh off its upset over top-ranked South Carolina in the SEC tournament, in the second round. NC State is a lock to be a No. 1 seed, and most likely assigned to Bridgeport.

Given where the Huskies were a couple of months ago, with multiple key players injured and nonconference losses mounting, it's a testament to their resilience and talent level when healthy that they are in this position now. But this is UConn, and the season begins, rather than ends, with the conference title.

"Sometimes the expectations are so high for kids here at UConn that even when they're really, really, really good, March is everything," coach Geno Auriemma said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Battle for Big East title

Villanova's Justin Moore (5) goes against Creighton's Alex O'Connell during the first half of the Big East championship game on Saturday night at Madison Square Garden. Moore and the No. 2 seed Wildcats defeated the No. 4 Bluejays 54-48. **SEE STORY, PAGE 4**

COLLEGE HOCKEY

UConn gets first ever Hockey East playoff win

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

As the last minute ticked by slowly, the players and coaches who have been building UConn men's hockey couldn't help but reflect on the milestone finally within reach.

"Honestly, it gave me chills, those last 20 seconds," said

senior Jonny Evans, who scored the second goal in the Huskies' 3-1 win over Boston University at the XL Center on Saturday, the program's first ever Hockey East playoff victory.

"It was insane, the energy that we got," said goalie Darian Hanson, who stopped 38 of 39 shots in a brilliant performance. "The first 10 minutes, we were

feeding off [Vladislav Firstov's] goal, that was the loudest I'd ever heard XL up to that point. When we scored the empty net goal, seeing Chase [Bradley] put that one away with 10 seconds left and getting to watch our bench, how fired we were, how fired up Cav was, that's a moment I'm never going to forget."

Cav, coach Mike Cavanaugh,

came to UConn in 2014 to guide the program into the country's premier hockey conference, but the road to the big-time has been long, rugged. Now, he leads the Huskies to the conference's final four, the semifinals and final to be played next weekend at the TD Bank Garden in Boston. UConn's

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Safety Tip of the Day

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SPORTS**UP NEXT**

UConn MBB: NCAA First Round vs. TBD, Thursday/Friday, time TBD; NCAA Second Round (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 19/20, time TBD; NCAA Sweet 16 (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 24/25, time TBD

UConn WBB: NCAA First Round vs. TBD, Friday/Saturday, time TBD; NCAA Second Round (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 20/21, time TBD; NCAA Sweet 16 (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 26/27, time TBD

Celtics: Mavericks, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; at Warriors, Wednesday, 10 p.m.; at Kings, Friday, 10 p.m.

Knicks: at Nets, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Trail Blazers, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Wizards, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Nets: Knicks, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Magic, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Mavericks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

UConn hockey: Hockey East Semifinal, Friday, 4/7:30 p.m.; Hockey East Final (if necessary) vs. TBD, Saturday, 7 p.m.

Bruins: at Chicago, Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.; at Wild, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Jets, Friday, 8 p.m.

Rangers: Ducks, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Islanders, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Lightning, Saturday, 8 p.m.

Wolf Pack: at W-B/Scranton, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Syracuse, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Laval, Friday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO**AUTO RACING**

3:30 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Ruoff Mortgage 500. (Live) FOX

7 p.m.: NHRA Drag Racing AMALIE Motor Oil NHRA Gatornationals. (Same-day Tape) FS1

BASEBALL

11 a.m.: Gonzaga at Missouri. (Live) SEC

BASKETBALL

12 p.m.: Women's College Patriot League Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) CBSSN

12 p.m.: Ivy League Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2

12 p.m.: Women's College JNEC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN

1 p.m.: New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets. (Live) ABC

1 p.m.: Atlantic 10 Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) CBS

1 p.m.: SEC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN

2 p.m.: Women's College Southland Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) CBSSN

2 p.m.: Women's College Big 12 Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2

2 p.m.: Women's College MVC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN

3 p.m.: Iowa Wolves at Austin Spurs. (Live) NBA

3:15 p.m.: AAC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN

3:30 p.m.: Dallas Mavericks at Boston Celtics. (Live) ABC

3:30 p.m.: Big Ten Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) CBS

9 p.m.: Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns. (Live) ESPN

2 a.m.: Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns. (Same-day Tape) ESPN2

4 a.m.: New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets. (Same-day Tape) ESPN2

BOWLING

1 p.m.: WSOP World Championship Finals. (Live) FOX

EQUESTRIAN

3 p.m.: America's Day at the Races. (Live) FS1

GOLF

1 p.m.: 2022 Players Championship Final Round. (Live) NBC

HOCKEY

1 p.m.: Arizona Coyotes at Boston Bruins. (Taped) NHL

4 p.m.: Toronto Maple Leafs at Buffalo Sabres. (Live) SPRTNET

4 p.m.: Grand Rapids Griffins at Chicago Wolves. (Live) NHL

4 p.m.: Toronto Maple Leafs at Buffalo Sabres. (Live) TNT

8 p.m.: Calgary Flames at Colorado Avalanche. (Live) SPRTNET

LACROSSE

4 p.m.: Syracuse at Johns Hopkins. (Live) ESPNU



Yankees manager Aaron Boone pauses before answering a question during a news conference Oct. 4 in Boston. MARY SCHWALM / AP

Season now a go, but Yankees remain wary

Shortened spring training putting everyone on edge

By Erik Boland

Newsday

TAMPA, Fla. — A rival manager was speaking on the phone earlier in the week when the topic of injuries and how much of a factor they could be in 2022, especially with a shortened spring training camp.

"Safe to say," the manager said, "we're all scared to death. We are this time of year anyway, but another (shortened spring training)?" Your season can be over before it starts."

It is against that backdrop the Yankees, who report for spring training duty Sunday and go through their first official full-squad workout of the spring Monday at Steinbrenner Field, begin their quest to end the club's World Series drought.

The franchise's last World Series title came in 2009.

Spring training, of course, is always the time of year that scares teams most. That's the case whether it's the normal six weeks or is truncated such as in 2020, when it lasted three weeks in advance of the 60-game COVID regular season, or this year, when it will be roughly 3 1/2 weeks, the result of the just-ended 99-day lockout.

Players in 2020, pitchers in particular, began dropping almost as soon as spring training II commenced that July, and the injuries didn't really stop.

"I think it's pretty simple: short spring training," James Paxton, then with the Yankees and now with the Red Sox, said in August 2020 after being put on the injured list with

flexor strain. "We didn't get enough time going at a lower speed to kind of build up. ... We don't have that base that we normally have."

Speaking several weeks ago at the Yankees' minor-league complex here — minor-leaguers not on the 40-man roster have been in camp since February — new assistant pitching coach Desi Druschel called the abbreviated spring and what it could mean in terms of injuries "a huge concern."

"It's pretty easy to see what happened in [2020]," he said. "It's easy [in general] to see what happens every year in spring training."

All of the statistics compiled over the years have shown that players — again, pitchers especially — are disproportionately prone to getting hurt during the spring and in April, the season's first full month.

"In the pitching world, that's probably objective No. 1: making sure we've got our hand on the pulse there," Druschel said. "If we had injuries figured out, we wouldn't be having this conversation to begin with."

"I don't think anybody has figured out yet, but I think we're getting closer. People will have a close eye on it, there's no doubt about it. It's certainly a concern for everybody."

During a typical spring training starters are generally built up so they're able to throw in the range of 90-to-100 pitches by Opening Day.

Sam Briand, the Yankees' director of pitching, said in February that number likely will be in the 60-to-65 range in the event of a four-week spring.

Briand was asked if 28 days was long enough for starters to get ready.

"In an ideal world, no," he said.

3 keys for Yankees

Health of Taillon, Severino:

One of these two is likely to slot in behind ace Gerrit Cole in the rotation, but each enters spring training with significant questions.

Severino, 28, has pitched only six innings in the big leagues since returning last September from Tommy John surgery performed in February 2020. Taillon, 30, answered many of the questions about him when he entered 2021 spring training, going 8-6 with a 4.30 ERA in 29 starts, but he's coming off October surgery to repair a tendon tear in his right ankle.

What to do with DJ:

The Yankees at last pulled

the plug on their Gleyber Torres-at-shortstop experiment in September, shifting him back to second base, where he had earned

two All-Star bids. But that

meant general manager Brian Cashman entered the offseason needing a shortstop — a pursuit that hasn't yet been consummated — and that DJ LeMahieu

would be something other than a full-time second baseman, a position at

which he won three Gold Gloves while a member of the Rockies.

Seeing if Hicks is OK:

Aaron Hicks received an extension in February 2019 and has played a total of 145

games since inking that deal, including the 32 he appeared in last season before a tendon sheath tear in his left wrist led to

season-ending surgery.

By all accounts Hicks is entering spring training healthy, but it's worth noting former Yankees first

baseball Mark Teixeira had a similar procedure in July 2013 and the wrist

didn't feel completely right until 2015.

Red Sox

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communication became very, very strong," Pivetta said. "We were all in it together to try and help each other just be prepared for the season."

It wasn't exactly what they would have been doing at Red Sox camp, but it was close.

"We all had an understanding of where we were at, what we were supposed to be at spring training, and what we needed to be to come into spring training and be prepared," Pivetta said.

Pivetta was 9-8 with a 4.53 earned run average over 155 innings last season. Only 52 pitchers reached that many innings last season and Pivetta is aiming to improve that by cutting down on his walk rate.

"I need to stay in the strike zone and compete in the strike zone," he said.

Pivetta is 11-8 with a 4.36 ERA in 33 games for the Sox since he was acquired during the lost 2020 season from Philadelphia along with righthander Connor Seabold for relievers Heath Hembree and Brandon Workman.

The trade is already an

unqualified success for the Sox and could get even better if Pivetta remains an innings-eating starter. Last season, he said, was the foundation for success after an uneven four seasons with the Phillies.

If Pivetta and Nate Eovaldi each make 30-plus starts, the Sox can give Sale and Rich Hill extra rest when needed and supplement the rotation with Tanner Houck, Michael Wacha, and Garrett Whitlock. James Paxton, who is recovering from Tommy John surgery, has started a throwing program and could return in July.

Promotion for Casas: Triston Casas spent the last seven days in minor league spring training with the Red Sox. He'll be promoted to big league camp on Sunday. Casas was one of 12 minor leaguers added to the major league roster on Saturday. It was a case of unusual timing forced by the lockout.

Typically major league spring training would start in mid-February with prominent prospects included on the roster. But this year minor league camp opened first.

So Casas will walk up the sidewalk to the big league clubhouse along

with catcher Kole Cottam; infielders Ryan Fitzgerald, David Hamilton, and Christian Koss; outfielder Francisco Cordero; lefthanded pitcher Chris Murphy; and righthanded pitchers Durbin Feltman, Geoff Hartlieb, Brian Keller, Kaleb Ort, and John Schreiber.

In all, the Sox will have 63 players in camp — barring further transactions — and will have only 24 days to trim that to 26.

Outfield puzzle: The Red Sox did not try to retain Jackie Bradley Jr. when he became a free agent last year. He agreed to a two-year, \$24 million deal with the Brewers only to see the Red Sox trade for him on Dec. 1. As of Saturday, Bradley said he had not spoken to manager Alex Cora about how the Sox planned to use him.

Kiké Hernández started 81 games in center field last season and was excellent defensively. Hernández could play more at second base this season, which would leave center field for Bradley with Alex Verdugo in one of the corner spots.

Or Hernández could play center with Bradley in right field and Verdugo in left.

METS

As he springs into action, Scherzer a happy camper

By Tim Healey

Newsday

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla.

— For the past few months and especially the past few weeks, Max Scherzer lived three separate, busy, complicated lives.

He was Max Scherzer the righthander pitcher, preparing physically for his first season with the Mets, who in November signed him to the biggest free-agent contract in franchise history. He was also Max Scherzer the South Florida family man, husband to Erica and father to their three young children. And he was Max Scherzer the member of the Players Association executive subcommittee, perhaps the player face of the heated labor negotiations with

MLB.

Finally, mercifully, the responsibility-heavy portion of the latter of those lives concluded Thursday, when owners and players agreed on a new five-year collective bargaining agreement, ending the lockout that delayed spring training and Opening Day.

"I get my life back," he said.

That life now includes daily commutes to the team's Clover Park facility, where he spoke Saturday after throwing his first official bullpen session as a Met. Pitching to Tomas Nido, with pitching coach Jeremy Hefner and analyst Jack Bredeson looking on, Scherzer threw a routine 40-plus pitches, the main event of an otherwise quiet day at camp.

With just three-plus weeks from the mandatory report date on Sunday to April 5, when the Mets will head to Washington, D.C., to open the season two days later, this spring training will be a weird and short one.

But Scherzer said he probably will be stretched out to the normal 100 pitches by the start of the regular season. Already, he has thrown three innings/50 pitches in a simulated game at the training facility he frequents in the off-season.

He isn't too far from where he would be normally in mid-March, despite the circumstances. And he has felt "no ill effects," he said, after suffering from a fatigued right arm with the Dodgers in the postseason last year.

"This is not a normal spring training. You gotta adapt," he said. "You gotta know what your schedule is and know where you're at and how to navigate it and know where you're body is at. I got all the experience in the world. I'm old. I'm

one of the dinosaurs in the game. I know where I need to be at."

Three Florida keys for Mets' spring training

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

| EASTERN ATLANTIC | W | L | PCT | GB |
|------------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Philadelphia | 40 | 25 | .615 | — |
| Boston | 41 | 27 | .603 | 1/2 |
| Toronto | 36 | 30 | .545 | 4 1/2 |
| Brooklyn | 34 | 33 | .507 | 7 |
| New York | 28 | 39 | .418 | 13 |

| SOUTHEAST | W | L | PCT | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Miami | 45 | 23 | .662 | — |
| Atlanta | 32 | 34 | .485 | 12 |
| Charlotte | 33 | 35 | .485 | 12 |
| Washington | 29 | 36 | .446 | 14 1/2 |
| Orlando | 18 | 50 | .265 | 27 |

| CENTRAL | W | L | PCT | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|-------|
| Milwaukee | 42 | 25 | .627 | — |
| Chicago | 40 | 26 | .606 | 1 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 38 | 28 | .576 | 3 1/2 |
| Indiana | 22 | 45 | .328 | 20 |
| Detroit | 18 | 49 | .269 | 24 |

| WESTERN SOUTHWEST | W | L | PCT | GB |
|-------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Memphis | 46 | 22 | .622 | — |
| Dallas | 41 | 26 | .612 | 4 1/2 |
| New Orleans | 27 | 40 | .403 | 18 1/2 |
| San Antonio | 26 | 41 | .388 | 19 1/2 |
| Houston | 17 | 50 | .254 | 28 1/2 |

| NORTHWEST | W | L | PCT | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Utah | 41 | 25 | .621 | — |
| Denver | 40 | 27 | .597 | 1 1/2 |
| Minnesota | 38 | 30 | .559 | 4 |
| Portland | 25 | 40 | .385 | 15 1/2 |
| Oklahoma City | 20 | 46 | .303 | 21 |

| PACIFIC | W | L | PCT | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|--------|
| x-Phoenix | 53 | 14 | .791 | — |
| Golden State | 45 | 22 | .672 | 8 |
| L.A. Clippers | 35 | 34 | .507 | 19 |
| L.A. Lakers | 29 | 37 | .439 | 23 1/2 |
| Sacramento | 24 | 44 | .353 | 29 1/2 |

| NOTE: | x-clinched playoff spot | | | |
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HOCKEY

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | GP | W | L | OT | PTS | GF | GA |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Florida | 58 | 40 | 13 | 5 | 85 | 243 | 170 |
| Tampa Bay | 57 | 37 | 14 | 6 | 80 | 197 | 166 |
| Toronto | 58 | 37 | 16 | 5 | 79 | 217 | 176 |
| Boston | 58 | 35 | 18 | 5 | 75 | 177 | 158 |
| Detroit | 58 | 24 | 27 | 7 | 55 | 170 | 218 |
| Ottawa | 57 | 21 | 31 | 5 | 47 | 151 | 183 |
| Buffalo | 59 | 19 | 32 | 8 | 46 | 157 | 210 |
| Montreal | 57 | 15 | 35 | 7 | 37 | 140 | 217 |

| METRO | GP | W | L | OT | PTS | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Carolina | 58 | 41 | 12 | 5 | 87 | 196 | 135 |
| Pittsburgh | 59 | 35 | 9 | 7 | 79 | 193 | 158 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 58 | 36 | 17 | 5 | 77 | 173 | 150 |
| Washington | 60 | 32 | 18 | 10 | 74 | 197 | 169 |
| Columbus | 59 | 29 | 27 | 3 | 61 | 193 | 218 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 55 | 23 | 24 | 8 | 54 | 148 | 154 |
| New Jersey | 58 | 21 | 32 | 5 | 47 | 177 | 207 |
| Philadelphia | 58 | 18 | 30 | 10 | 46 | 145 | 202 |

| WESTERN CONFERENCE | GP | W | L | OT | PTS | GF | GA |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Colorado | 59 | 41 | 13 | 5 | 87 | 230 | 170 |
| St. Louis | 58 | 34 | 17 | 7 | 72 | 175 | 161 |
| Minnesota | 57 | 34 | 19 | 4 | 72 | 216 | 187 |
| Nashville | 58 | 33 | 21 | 4 | 70 | 184 | 164 |
| Dallas | 56 | 32 | 21 | 3 | 67 | 166 | 162 |
| Vancouver | 59 | 29 | 23 | 7 | 65 | 172 | 172 |
| Anaheim | 60 | 27 | 24 | 9 | 63 | 176 | 191 |
| San Jose | 57 | 25 | 25 | 7 | 57 | 149 | 182 |
| Seattle | 60 | 17 | 37 | 6 | 40 | 155 | 217 |

| NOTE: | Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs. | | | |
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| SATURDAY'S RESULTS | ST. LOUIS | 7 | NASHVILLE | 4 |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---|
| St. Louis | 7 | Nashville | 4 | |
| Carolina | 3 | Philadelphia | 1 | |
| Anaheim | 7 | New Jersey | 1 | |
| Arizona | 7 | Atlanta | 1 | |
| Chicago | 7 | Montreal | 1 | |
| Detroit | 7 | Calgary | 1 | |
| Seattle | 7 | Toronto | 1 | |
| NY. Rangers | 7 | Buffalo | 1 | |
| Los Angeles | 7 | San Jose | 1 | |
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| Tampa Bay | 7 | Montreal | 1 | |
| Philadelphia | 7</ | | | |

MEN'S BASKETBALL
March 17 or 18: NCAA first-round game, TBA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
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MEN'S BASKETBALL LATE FRIDAY VILLANOVA 63, UCONN 60

Huskies fall to Wildcats in Big East semifinals

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

After a wild chase, UConn's Tyrese Martin ended up with a loose ball and went in for what seemed like an easy dunk only to be blocked by Villanova's Brandon Slater with 4:29 left in the game.

The play summed things up in this Big East Tournament semifinal. The Wildcats were just a little cooler, calmer, and more experienced in the moments that mattered.

The UConn men's basketball team lost a tough one, 63-60, to Villanova on Friday at Madison Square Garden.

The Huskies had a last gasp. After collecting the rebound off Collin Gillespie's missed second free throw, Martin had the chance to tie the game but didn't get a half court shot off in time.

With 3 seconds left, Tyler Polley fouled Gillespie who made the first free throw in the one-and-one opportunity but missed the second.

Before that, the Wildcats' Caleb Daniels missed the 3, but his teammate Jermaine Samuels secured the offensive rebound with 26 seconds left and was fouled by UConn's R.J. Cole. Adama Sanogo fouled Samuels with 15 seconds left and he converted the one and one to put the Wildcats up 62-57. On the next possession, UConn's Andre Jackson hit a 3 with 8.6 seconds left to make it a 62-60.

Martin had a team-high 19 points for UConn.

UConn head coach Dan Hurley felt good about the game despite the loss.

"When you hold Gillespie to



Connecticut head coach Dan Hurley, left, talks to his players during the second half against Villanova in the semifinal round of the Big East conference tournament on Friday in New York. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

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Moore to six points on 3-for-9 shooting and Daniels 2-for-10, so 5, 6 and 6, he said. "I would probably say, how many did we win by? The plan was to make their others beat us. Guys that for the season or throughout their career have shot in the higher 20s or low 30s for 3, stepped up tonight."

VILLANOVA 63, UCONN 60

| UConn | M | FG | FT | RB | A | PF | PT |
|---------------|----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Martin | 36 | 7-17 | 1-1 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 19 |
| Sanogo | 32 | 6-15 | 3-7 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 11 |
| Cole | 38 | 3-9 | 4-5 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| Jackson | 38 | 4-10 | 0-0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Whaley | 32 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Polley | 21 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Gaffney | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | — | 22-58 | 8-13 | 40 | 12 | 12 | 60 |

Samuels 30 7-17 4-4 12 1 0 21

Slater 38 5-8 2-2 4 0 2 15

Moore 38 3-9 0-0 4 3 2 6

Gillespie 38 2-5 1-2 0 10 3 5

Dixon 12 2-2 0-0 1 0 1 5

Daniels 34 2-10 0-0 3 0 2 6

Longino 10 2-3 0-0 1 0 1 5

TOTALS — **23-54** **7-8** **30** **14** **11** **63**

Three-point goals: 8-22, 36.4 (Martin 4-8, Jackson 2-5, Polley 1-3, Cole 1-6). FG pct.: 37.9. FT pct.: 61.5. Team rebounds: 2. Turnovers: 7 (Cole 3, Sanogo 2, Whaley, Polley). Blocks: 4 (Whaley 4). Steals: 4 (Martin 2, Jackson 2).

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Three-point goals: 10-30, 33.3 (Slater 3-6, Samuels 3-8, Daniels 2-6, Dixon 1-1, Longino 1-2, Gillespie 0-2, Moore 0-5). FG pct.: 42.6. FT pct.: 87.5. Team rebounds: 5. Turnovers: 6 (Slater 2, Samuels, Moore, Gillespie, Dixon). Blocks: 3 (Samuels, Slater, Daniels). Steals: 4 (Slater 2, Samuels, Dixon).

UConn 32 28 — — 60

Villanova 33 30 — — 63

Officials: O'Connell, Anderson, Gaffney.

Att.: 19,812 at Madison Square Garden, New York, N.Y.

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SPORTS

LATE FRIDAY TIMBERWOLVES 118, KNICKS 114

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

MEMPHIS — The Knicks reverted to the familiar — another collapse.

Ja Morant and the upstart Grizzlies ran rampant in the fourth quarter Friday night at FedEx Forum, recovering from a 15-point deficit overall and snapping the Knicks three-game winning streak, 118-114.

Morant was the thrilling catalyst while scoring 15 of his 37 points in the final period, as Tom Thibodeau's offense sputtered and stalled. Julius Randle scored 36 points for the visitors, but only six in the fourth quarter, when the Knicks succumbed to Memphis' 36-18 run to end the game.

"Honestly, they came out with a specific type of intensity in the fourth," RJ Barrett said. "And we couldn't match it. They were better than us."

It was a disheartening way for the Knicks (28-39) to finish an otherwise encouraging Western Conference swing. With Charlotte and Atlanta both winning Friday, New York is now 4 1/2 games out of the final play-in spot with only 15 to play.

It's a daunting position with Kevin Durant and the Nets waiting in store for Sunday's game in Barclays Center.

"Any team that has that high level of talent you know how they good they are," Thibodeau said about the Nets.

Briefly, the Knicks appeared

ready for an upset in Memphis. They took control in the third quarter, building that 15-point advantage behind Randle's bullish offense and an all-around committed defense. But that disappeared quickly — within about seven minutes of game action — and Morant's lay-up provided Memphis a one-point edge midway through the fourth quarter.

Morant, a dark horse MVP candidate, hit 14 of 33 shots and added eight assists.

"A guy like that you've got to try to make him work," Thibodeau said. "So, he took 33 shots, so he's going to get some."

Randle was also satisfied with the defense against Morant, despite his fourth-quarter takeover.

"He shot 14 for 33, which is if

you're going to give him 37 points, you want him to do it like that, obviously," Randle said. "But he's a great player, made big plays down the stretch."

Barrett finished 23 points on just 9 of 25 shooting for the Knicks, who finished their fifth straight road game against Western Conference opponents (they went 3-2).

"Bittersweet," Randle said. "Kind of story of the season. A couple games where we kind of lost it in the end."

Reddish avoids surgery: Cam Reddish's shoulder separation has finished his season but won't require surgery, according to coach Tom Thibodeau. Reddish suffered the injury in a victory this week in Sacramento.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Yale advances to Ivy final; Fairfield women clinch NCAA berth

Staff and Wire Reports

Azar Swain scored 25 points and the No. 2-seeded Yale men's basketball team held off pesky Penn on Saturday to win an Ivy League Tournament semifinal, 67-61, at Harvard's Lavietes Pavilion in Cambridge, Mass.

The Elis (18-11, 11-3) advance to face top-seeded Princeton, a 77-73 winner over Cornell, on Sunday at noon for the Ivy title and an NCAA berth.

Jordan Dingle had a game-high 28 points to lead the Quakers, who kept the game close throughout.

Matt Knowling had 10 points and Jalen Gabbidon nine and seven rebounds for Yale, which won the last Ivy tourney held, in 2019. The last two were postponed due to COVID concerns.

Women's basketball

Fairfield 73, Manhattan 68: At Atlantic City, N.J., tournament MVP Lou Lopez-Senechal scored 24 points to lead the Lady Stags to their first Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title since 1998 and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Top-seeded Fairfield (25-6, 19-1) started slow and trailed the No. 3 Jaspers 31-26 at the half. A quick start in the second turned things around as the Lady Stags put up 47 second-half points.

Sydney Lowery had 18 points for Fairfield. Dee Dee Davis led Manhattan with 35 points, and Courtney Warley had 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Garnett humbled as Celtics prepare to retire his jersey

Associated Press

BOSTON — The post-retirement accolades have been raining down on Kevin Garnett over the past handful of years.

The 15-time NBA All-Star, one of the catalysts of Boston's 2007-2008 team that raised the franchise's 17th championship banner, was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2021.

This year, he's been honored as a member of the NBA's 75th anniversary team and written an intimate memoir that's a national bestseller.

Now, at 45, KG will add another chapter to his legacy when he becomes the 24th member of the Celtics organization to have his jersey number retired in a ceremony after the game with Dallas

on Sunday. His No. 5 will be raised to the TD Garden rafters in the open spot next to, and four years after, former teammate Paul Pierce saw his No. 34 enshrined among the Celtics legends.

It's left a player who was the undeniable emotional centerpiece of the Celtics during his six seasons in Boston grasping for ways to describe the moments.

"I'm just trying to soak it up, being honest, I'm trying to be very humble. I don't know. I'm just it's all a shock to me, you know what I mean? When kids come up to me and they express their appreciation for different things. I don't really know what to say other than, 'Thank you,'" Garnett said in a recent interview. "I just stayed true to what I was and who I was. It was the easiest thing to do. I didn't want to be something



Kevin Garnett, seen here in 2012, is set to become the 24th member of the Celtics organization to have his jersey number retired. AP FILE

I wasn't"

While he retired from the NBA following the 2015-16 season in Minnesota, where his career began, his time with the Celtics transformed his career.

"I was always conscious of the ones that have come before me, laid the path for me," Garnett said.

When Garnett was drafted fifth overall by the Timberwolves at 19, he ushered in a new era in a league that had never seen a 6-foot-11 player with his skillset.

As agile as he was lanky, Garnett moved like a guard, creating the archetype of the power forward capable of stretching opposing defenses with his ability to shoot from the perimeter. It revolutionized the league, so much so that players with that ability are now a must when building the modern NBA roster.

Though he was never a true center, he still used his 240-pound frame to impose his presence in the paint on both ends of the court despite making the jump straight to the pros out of high school.

GIANTS

Fans shouldn't expect any high-priced signings

By Tom Rock
Newsday

NEW YORK — Watching the Giants play football for the past few years has been a difficult endeavor for many fans.

Watching them shop in free agency this offseason might be worse.

Brace for the bargain-bin moves and dumpster-diving decisions the team likely will be making in the coming weeks as the rest of the league loads up on top-shelf talent (or at least talent that comes at top-shelf prices). The financially strapped Giants won't be shopping in those aisles, even when it comes to trying to fill their most pressing needs, of which there are plenty.

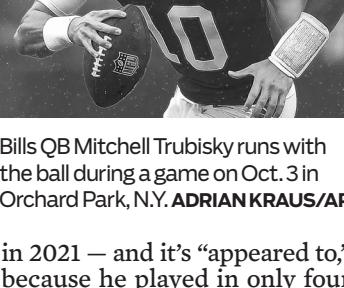
They'll be nickel-and-diming free agency, and it won't have anything to do with adding players for their secondary's sub packages.

"We'll do what we can in free agency, even if it's VSBs [veteran salary benefit deals], one-year prove-it deals, we can do those," general manager Joe Schoen said last week at the NFL Combine. "There are going to be ways to fill holes in the roster. Guys that are hungry, maybe they were given a raw deal and didn't live up to their draft status, or whatever."

The Giants will be the Island of Misfit Toys this free agency period, collecting Charlie-in-the-boxes no one else wants to play with.

Even players who would seem to be ideal fits with the Giants' new coaching staff such as quarterback Mitch Trubisky, who played under Brian Daboll with the Bills last season, likely will be out of their range.

Trubisky is a former first-round bust with the Bears who appeared to resurrect his career in Buffalo



Bills QB Mitchell Trubisky runs with the ball during a game on Oct. 3 in Orchard Park, N.Y. ADRIAN KRAUS/AP

in 2021 — and it's "appeared to," because he played in only four games and threw only eight passes as Josh Allen's backup — but even he could command starting quarterback money in a market that is thin on experienced talent and even more grim on rookies entering through the draft.

Adding a veteran quarterback to push Daniel Jones and also be ready to play if Jones is unable to — especially in light of last year's debacle with Mike Glennon and Jake Fromm starting the final six games for the Giants — is a priority. Trubisky would have been a terrific signing to fill that role a year ago, when he wound up going to Buffalo on a one-year deal for \$2.5 million. Schoen, who helped engineer that deal for the Bills, likely will have to find this year's version of Trubisky on the scrap heap for the second offseason in a row.

What's that you say? It'll be important to have a quarterback in the room familiar with Daboll's system, and Trubisky would provide that? Yes. But that's what Davis Webb was brought to the Giants to provide on a one-year reserve/future contract he signed in February.

NFL free agency needs

Giants (4-13)

Unrestricted free agents: OT Nate Solder, TE Evan Engram, S Jabrill Peppers, DT Austin Johnson, C Billy Price, G Will Hernandez, LB Lorenzo Carter, FB Eli Penny, LB Jaylon Smith, CB Keion Crossen, QB Mike Glennon, LS Casey Kreiter, DT Danny Shelton, LB Reggie Ragland, WR Dante Pettis, WR John Ross, WRCJ. Board, LB Benardrick McKinney, G Matt Skura, TE Levine Toilolo, S Nate Ebner and T Corey Cunningham.

Restricted free agents: FB Cullen Gillaspia, CB Joshua Kalu, DB Steven Parker.

Needs: New general manager Joe Schoen took over a bad situation from Dave Gettleman. The Giants are coming off a bad season and have no cap space: \$7 million in the hole after cutting TE Kyle Rudolph and RB Devontae Booker. New York has invested half its cap space in five players — DL Dexter Lawrence, CBs James Bradberry and Adoree Jackson, WR Kenny Golladay and LB Blake Martinez. Although Martinez and Sterling Shepard restructured their deals, Schoen must make roster moves if he wants money to fix some of the holes on both sides of the ball.

Salary cap space (approximately): \$12 million

Jets (4-13)

Unrestricted free agents: S Marcus Maye, WR Jamison Crowder, WR-KR Braxton Berrios, QB Joe Flacco, RT Morgan Moses, RG Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, RB Tevin Coleman, DL Folorunso Fatukasi, LB Jarrad Davis, TE Tyler Kroft, DL Nathan Shepherd, WR Keelan Cole, K Eddy Pineiro, OL Dan Feeney, FB Nick Bawden, OL Greg Senat.

Restricted free agents: QB Mike White, DL Kyle Phillips.

Needs: The Jets haven't made the playoffs in an NFL-worst 11 straight seasons and their latest rebuild is entering its second year with coach Robert Saleh. This will be a big offseason for GM Joe Douglas, who's in his third full year in charge. The roster has plenty of holes and needs, including at pass rusher, wide receiver, tight end, offensive line, linebacker, safety and cornerback. Douglas acknowledged he'll be aggressive while trying to set up Saleh with a much more competitive roster — and it starts with having lots of salary cap space for free agency.

Salary cap space (approximately): \$48 million

With the start of the NFL free agency period set to begin, here's a look at who and what the Giants, Jets and Patriots may be looking for in this year's market:

Patriots (10-7)

Unrestricted free agents: LB Ja'Whaun Bentley, RB Brandon Bolden, OL Trent Brown, LB Jamie Collins, DT Carl Davis, K Nick Folk, TE Troy Fumagalli, LB Dont'a Hightower, QB Brian Hoyer, CB J.C. Jackson, OL Ted Karras, S/ST Brandon King, S Devin McCourty, ST Matt Slater, RB James White.

Restricted free agents: FB Jakob Johnson, WR Jakobi Meyers, WR Gunner Olszewski.

Needs: The Patriots hinted at their offseason priorities by not placing a franchise tag on Jackson and releasing Van Noy. Both were big parts of their defensive success last season, but New England's cap room is tight. With the contracts of linebackers Bentley, Collins and Hightower also up, the Patriots will likely explore the open market in search of younger talent that won't break the bank. Finding quarterback Mac Jones dependable pass catchers in Year 2 is also paramount for his continued development.

Salary cap space (approximately): \$13 million

— Associated Press

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Ronaldo shows off in front of Brady



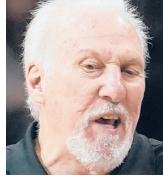
The NFL's greatest rose to applaud the soccer great. Tom Brady picked the perfect moment to come to Old Trafford to witness a rarity from Cristiano Ronaldo: A Manchester United hat trick. While the record seven-time Super Bowl winner is enjoying the start of his retirement, Ronaldo is showing there's still goals left in this 37-year-old veteran. The header that completed Saturday's treble against Tottenham required something more from the Michael Jordan playbook with a leap in the air to meet a corner, ensuring United won 3-2 and went fourth in the Premier League. Ronaldo was able to savor the acclaim of the crowd after being substituted moments after the 81st-minute winner, with Brady among those providing a standing ovation. And then the GOAT made it down to the field to exchange post-match thoughts with perhaps the Premier League's "Greatest of All Time." While the Portugal forward now has 59 career hat tricks, only one other before Saturday had been in a United jersey — in January 2008 against Newcastle during his first six-season spell at the club.

LSU fires Wade, citing NCAA probe



LSU has fired men's basketball coach Will Wade for cause amid "serious" allegations of NCAA violations, the university announced Saturday. The firing comes the day after LSU was bounced from the Southeastern Conference Tournament by Arkansas 79-67 in a quarterfinal game on Friday night. "For more than four years, the University has patiently allowed the NCAA investigative process to unfold, jointly working with the NCAA Enforcement Staff and, subsequently, with the Complex Case Unit (CCU), to ensure the evidence collected was as thorough and fair as possible," said the statement signed by President William F. Tate and Athletic Director Scott Woodward. The Complex Case Unit this past week issued LSU a formal notice of allegations, which "contains serious allegations, including multiple charges alleging Coach Wade's personal involvement in — or awareness of — Level I misconduct," the LSU statement said. LSU's statement, however, stressed that Wade's firing was "not an acknowledgement of agreement with any of the allegations."

Popovich makes more NBA history



Gregg Popovich's name is on top of the NBA regular-season victory list. He thinks of it more as a group accomplishment. "All of us share in this record," Popovich said Friday night after getting his record-breaking 1,336th victory when the Spurs rallied to beat the Jazz. "It's not mine. It's ours, here in the city." Popovich broke a tie with Don Nelson, the friend and mentor he served as an assistant under while with the Warriors for two seasons. The milestone came in Popovich's 2,030th game and 26th season with the Spurs, the only franchise for which he has served as head coach. "It's just a testament to a whole lot of people," Popovich said. "Something like this does not belong to one individual." Unsurprisingly, the evening was met with zero fanfare. That is, until the end. Players mobbed the 73-year-old Popovich when the game was over, jumping around and hugging him until he could break free. Popovich was doused with a cooler of water and huge roars could be heard from the locker room as the Spurs celebrated along with Hall of Famer David Robinson. —AP



Pit crew members for driver Kyle Larson are reflected in a helmet during a NASCAR Cup Series on March 6 in Las Vegas.

JOHN LOCHER/AP

AUTO RACING

Uncomfortably numb

Reddick fighting through some leg issues at Phoenix

By David Brandt

Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Tyler Reddick is enjoying his status among NASCAR's fastest drivers through the season's first three races, adapting quickly to the sport's Next Gen car that has provided solid racing and a new degree of difficulty for many drivers.

The only issue is Reddick can't seem to get comfortable in his Chevrolet's seat, leading to numbness in his legs.

That, of course, is a pretty big problem for a driver in a 3,200-pound hunk of steel that can move over 150 mph.

"You know, I just think I was in a really good place in that old car for such a long time and didn't realize how easy or how bad you could end up missing it, the comfort side of things," Reddick said.

If Reddick can find a way to fix his leg issues, he might just find a spot in victory lane for the first time in his NASCAR career. The 26-year-old, who is in his third season with Richard Childress Racing, has led the most laps (90) of any driver so far this season.

So far, those laps up front haven't led to great finishes in 2022. He was 35th at Daytona and 24th at Fontana after he was doomed by a flat tire before a seventh-place showing at Las Vegas last week. Now the racing has moved across the desert to the tri-oval in Phoenix, which will host the NASCAR championship again in November.

Reddick said it's been hard to diagnose his leg problems because it's difficult to recreate racing conditions in the garage. He's not the only one who has had numbness issues in the new car.

Alex Bowman talked about having some of the same problems at Daytona. Team Penske's Austin Cindric — who won at Daytona — said his "right butt cheek was on fire" after a few laps at Las Vegas last week.

"It's pretty challenging to understand sitting still, you know with no load, no bumps, no heat, whatever it might be, to really feel if there is going to be a problem," Reddick said. "It's hard to really understand what's OK and what's not."

Kyle Larson — the defending NASCAR champ who already has won once this season at Fontana — said last week that he expects Reddick to have an "amazing season" after the driver led the pack during offseason testing.

That could start on Sunday in Phoenix, though everyone is wondering how the new cars will adapt in Arizona.

"It's hard to say," Reddick said. "These cars, it's been a lot of fun."

Restart drama

Speaking of the Next Gen cars, Bowman is curious how they're going to react to restarts following cautions at Phoenix.

Restarts are somewhat nuts at most tracks as dozens of cars jockey for position, but the tri-oval at Phoenix Raceway provides a new challenge because drivers have space to maneuver on the apron if they can control their car.

"Restarts here? They're kind of notoriously crazy cause of the dogleg and being able to shortcut that," Bowman said. "I'm not sure anybody's gone down there with the Next Gen car yet, just because of how rigid the car is and how things happen when the car hits the ground."

Bowman, last week's winner in Las Vegas, said he's interested to see if the

apron is good for racing. But he doesn't plan on being the guinea pig.

"Let somebody else figure that out first I guess," Bowman said, grinning.

Blaney up front

Ryan Blaney will be on the pole while Denny Hamlin will start on the outside of Row 1 on Sunday. The three winners so far this season — Kyle Larson, Alex Bowman and Austin Cindric — will also start in the top 10. Martin Truex Jr. won last year's spring race in Phoenix and will start 20th. It's Blaney's third career pole in Phoenix.

Nine timers club

Kevin Harvick is back at Phoenix where he's had plenty of success.

But the 46-year-old hasn't won at the track since 2018 and the Next Gen car provides another wrinkle for the veteran to navigate. Harvick said the new car might be different, but after three races, it's no longer an excuse.

"This is just 'The Car,'" Harvick said. "It's not 'next' anymore. We're here racing the car."

Harvick's nine wins at Phoenix are far and away the most in Sunday's field.

Kyle Busch has won three times while Joey Logano and Denny Hamlin have both won twice.

Odds and ends

Larson is a 4-1 favorite to win at Phoenix, according to FanDuel. Truex is next at 7-1 ... Much of the rest of the U.S. might be groggy on Sunday because they lose an hour of sleep due to Daylight Saving Time. That won't be the case in Arizona, which doesn't recognize DST ... Bowman is a native of Tucson, Arizona.

GOLF PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Rain gone, but the wind keeps raging

By Doug Ferguson

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The first round of The Players Championship finally ended Saturday afternoon, 54 hours and 16 minutes after the opening tee shot Thursday morning.

The show was just getting started.

The front that finally moved out the storm clouds that caused more than nine hours of delays brought with it ferocious wind and gusts approaching 40 mph, the scariest conditions for a course that can penalize even in calm weather.

It was most evident on the notorious island green on the par-3 17th hole. For two days in the rain, only four players failed to find land and instead hit into the water. That total was matched by the first four players Saturday when the round resumed.

The gusts died and Scottie Scheffler went long. A big gust made Xander Schauffele's tee shot look like it hit a wall. He came up 15 yards short of the green. Brooks Koepka joined them. In the next group, Collin Morikawa hit into the water.

For those who had to wait until Saturday to finish the first round, their reward was to go right back out on the TPC Sawgrass and play it again, as the wind raged and the temperatures began to drop into sweater weather for March in Florida.

Tommy Fleetwood and Tom Hoge shared the lead at 6-under 66, scores they posted on Thursday. Brice Garnett was the only player at 67 who had to finish his first round Saturday.

He came close to keeping a clean card until a bogey on No. 7, his 16th hole.

Others dropped off quickly.

Schauffele was 4 under for his round, two shots out of the lead, when he hit into the water on the 17th and did well to salvage a bogey.

But on the 18th hole — playing so long into the wind that some players needed fairway metal to reach the par 4 in two shots — Schauffele drew such a bad lie in the rough that he advanced it only about 15 yards. From there, he hit into the water. After a drop, his pitch had so much spin into the wind that it rolled back some 75 feet back into the fairway.

He finished bogey-quadruple bogey for a 73.

Emiliano Grillo was 2 under when he resumed his round. He took double bogey on the 15th hole by three-putting from 25 feet on No. 15.

The wind was so strong that his putt came up 8 feet short.

He hit two into the water on the 17th — one from the tee, one from the drop zone — for a quadruple bogey. And he finished with a bogey for a 77.

The average score was 71.9, bumped higher by the play Saturday morning. Conditions were only getting tougher for the second round, which began even as the first round was ending.

Officials left as many pins as possible in the easiest spots on the green to account for the conditions, though there was nowhere to hide on the 17th without draining the pond.

The forecast called for dry weather, at least. The cut could not be made until Sunday. Some players who finished on Thursday likely would not hit another shot until three days later.

The tournament was assured its first Monday finish since 2005.



Jordan Spieth plays a shot from a greenside bunker on the 14th hole during the second round of the Players Championship on Saturday on the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. JARED C. TILTON/GETTY

SUNDAY DRIVE A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE WEEK IN SPORTS

GOLF COMMENTARY

No fading into twilight



Tiger Woods speaks during his induction into the World Golf Hall of Fame on Wednesday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. GERALD HERBERT / AP

Woods closes out one chapter. Will he write another?

By Jim Litke | Associated Press

Tiger Woods spoke for 15 minutes or so, nearly all of it devoted to his parents and everyone else who nourished his love of the game. Missing was even one mention of any of the mind-bending accomplishments that landed him at the World Golf Hall of Fame podium in the first place.

Just as telling perhaps, Woods dropped no hints about what might come next.

"I know that golf is an individual sport," he said. "We do things on our own a lot for hours on end, but in my case I didn't get here alone."

It was an intensely personal speech, a portrait of the golf artist as a very young man. Woods recalled how, as an 8-year-old, he was dropped off at the local muni each morning, with plenty of time to take quarters off the older kids in putting contests and skins games, then spent hours looking for lost balls while waiting for his father Earl to get off work at 4 p.m. and pick him up in a golf cart.

"By then, especially in the wintertime, it was already dark," Woods recalled. "So we had a rule: If you ever lost the golf ball, we'd be done and we'd have to drive in."

"So part of understanding how to shape shots and knowing where I hit it on the face, where I would hit it, all started then."

... The furthest I ever made was 17 holes in the dark. Never quite got to 18."

He spoke that last line while laughing.

But Woods got to 18 nearly every time it mattered after that, winning 15 major championships and a record-tying 82 on the PGA Tour. And who knows how many more he'd have added if not for the eight surgeries he endured along the way.

Woods didn't mention those either. But 14-year-old Sam Woods, who introduced her father, did. Referring to Woods' February 2021 car crash in Los Angeles, she said, "We didn't know if you'd come home with two legs or not. Now not only are you about to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, but you're standing here on your own two feet."

"This is why you deserve this because you're a fighter."

Ten months later Woods played with his 12-year-old son Charlie in the PNC Championship, finishing second in the team event. Despite needing a cart to get around, Woods showed plenty of flashes of the mastery that made him nearly unbeatable for more than two decades. Inevitably, the questions began: Could he come back again?

Woods answered the latest round the same way he had in the past: Nothing is

certain, but he wasn't closing the door on at least a limited return. Then his caddie, Joe LaCava, threw some more kindling on the embers.

"I think it's gonna be even more work than it was coming back from the fusion surgery with the back and stuff like that, but I think he's willing, at this age, to do it," LaCava said in an interview Wednesday on Sirius XM PGA Tour Radio.

"Maybe that father-son tournament gave him a little more motivation because, as most people saw — if they watched it — he hasn't lost much. He may not be quite as long as he once was, but he can still hit the ball and still can putt and chip. So, I mean, if he can get around a golf course he could still be dangerous if that happens."

Woods, as noted above, talked about the distant past and said nothing about his future. But golf is that rare game where Hall of Famers can collect their plaque, stick it in the trophy case and step back onto the field. Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els were both already alumni when they won in recent years.

Woods referred to those wins not long ago, calling his induction "an acknowledgement that you've had a successful career."

"I feel like I have," he said, "but it feels

like it's still not over yet."

The best ones have the hardest time letting go. Woods wouldn't be the first G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All-Time) to push the envelope.

"One day you might look up and see me playing the game at 50," is how Michael Jordan ended his Hall of Fame induction speech. Knowing laughs erupted on every side of him.

"Oh don't laugh," he said. "Never say never."

Woods can't walk a golf course at the moment, so he eschewed empty boasts or self-deprecating jokes, and it's hard to imagine he would show up at the first tee just for the sake of playing. But Jordan and Jack Nicklaus and even Muhammad Ali said almost the same thing, and all of them came back in search of one more transcendent run, one more moment when they felt like the king of the world.

"I was never going to be denied,"

Woods said around mid-speech Wednesday night, recalling the moment he'd inherited his father's passion for the game.

"I loved it. I had this burning desire to be able to express myself in this game of golf."

A plaque isn't going to change that.



Tiger Woods hits from the third tee during the final round of the Tour Championship in September 2018 in Atlanta. JOHN AMIS/AP

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Professional home organizers are seeing a spike in calls from older clients who want to cut through the clutter and make their lives more livable. TRISHA KRAUSS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

A lifetime of clutter

How to discover the life-affirming comforts of 'death cleaning'

By Ronda Kayser | The New York Times

Cleaning out a home can be a morbid, depressing task, often best left until after you are gone, when it is no longer your problem. But what if you decide to tackle the chore now, while you are still here to make the decisions?

As we begin to emerge from a long and deadly pandemic, some older Americans have decided to do just that.

Professional home organizers are reporting a spike in calls from older customers asking for help sorting through their belongings, seeking to dole out the heirlooms and sentimental items and toss the excess. The mood, organizers say, is largely upbeat, with people eager to part with china, furniture and photographs. In some cases, the inquiries come from grown children on behalf of their aging parents, keen to get ahead on the task so they don't have to do it alone later.

"There's been a shift in the consciousness of people 70 and over," said Ann Lightfoot, a founder of

Done & Done Home, a New York City home-organizing company that saw its business double in 2021, and an author of the forthcoming book, "Love Your Home Again." "They're like, 'Oh my God, nobody wants my stuff. I don't even want my stuff.'"

Professionals often refer to the task as "death cleaning," a term popularized in 2018 with the publication of the book, "The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning," by Margareta Magnusson, which posited that the prospect of our eventual demise is reason enough to purge.

"Death, that's a word that scares a lot of people," said Magnusson, who is 87, speaking from her home in Stockholm. But in her view there's no reason to avoid the ultimate awkward conversation, because "that's the only real thing we know that we will take part of," she said. "If we know something about our lives, it's that we're going to die, that's for sure."

In that case, we should have the courtesy to not burden our loved ones with a lifetime of clutter. "I don't think that's nice to leave that to your own children," said Magnusson, who also suggested tossing any letters or jour-

nals that might offend your children, should they eventually discover them. Simply put, we should be preparing for the end throughout our lives, pruning as we go.

Matt Paxton, a downsizing expert and the host of the PBS show "Legacy List," also has seen a marked shift in the mindset of older Americans, who are parting with their stuff not out of guilt and obligation, but out of an eagerness to get on with their lives. He pointed to the pandemic as a catalyst for the sudden urge to downsize. Older Americans, at higher risk for COVID-19, have been among the most isolated groups these past couple of years, spending months at home, largely alone, waiting to get their lives back.

"They're ready to clean out their houses. They've been staring at stuff, they've been consuming stuff for two years and they are ready to get rid of everything," said Paxton, an author of "Keep the Memories, Lose the Stuff," which was published this month.

"They want to get out of their house, they want to have experiences, not stuff."

Lisa Paterson has spent much of the pandemic helping her 93-year-old

mother reorganize her Upper West Side apartment. At first, her mother was resistant to the idea, showing no interest in combing through her books, jewelry and photographs. But Paterson persisted, seeing it as a way to help her mother be more comfortable in the apartment where she has lived since 1972. "I wanted my mom to live in dignity during this stage of her life," she said.

The process has given Paterson, 61, opportunities to make peace with her childhood and life. Her father died when she was 11, her brother died at age 27, and her husband was killed in the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001. Going through photographs and old letters with her mother has been cathartic.

"It's a nice thing to do with her and prepare yourself for the end of someone's life," she said. "This process has made me feel like I don't have any questions unanswered."

Among all the stuff, Paterson found photographs of her parents that had been tucked away for decades. She framed one and displayed it on her mother's mantel. "I wanted to honor all of her memories," she said.

Winter whites offer versatile upholstery choice

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

It is often a rule in fashion that the color white should not worn beyond a certain month. But what about home decor? For those seeking a neutral foundation or love the look and feel of white, winter white may offer the best of both worlds.

Why white?
White is often overlooked as a "color." But in

home decor, it is one of the most versatile and popular upholstery choices next to gray. For those looking to be able to have versatility and a foundation for which to create a color story, white and especially winter white is a popular choice.

Durability vs. aesthetics
Gone are the days where the white living room is seen but not used. Today there are a myriad of fabric choices that will allow for winter white and white

upholstery choices to be more forgiving. A long-kept designer secret is the use of commercial- or hospitality-grade fabrics in residential homes. These fabrics aren't only meant to withstand heavy usage, they also repel liquids and in many cases are just as soft and luxurious as residential fabrics.

Where to place white?
Winter white and white selections can be placed in any room where you desire

a crisp, lighter look and a neutral foundation.

Creating a color scheme
White can be dressed up or down and paired with other neutral colors such as black, gray or brown. It can also be used as the perfect foundation for "pops" of bright colors and even pastels. Love the look of tone on tone? Don't be afraid to pair winter white with pure white to create a luxurious monochromatic look and feel.



A winter white sectional sofa is offset by toss pillows that add pops of color. SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

How to check your home's deed for liens

By Ilyce Glink and
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Q: In one of your recent columns, a widow asked about getting the deed to her house after her husband died. You told her to check her deed from time to time to be sure no liens had been added. How does one do that? Can it be done online, or do you need to go to a city government office? Thank you.

A: Good question. So much of our financial lives is available online. You can look up your bank accounts (or download your bank's app), trade stocks or get your credit history and score. But managing your personal financial hygiene isn't always straightforward, and being able to access details of your financial life is different from understanding what it all means.

For example, you can access your credit history from a variety of places: AnnualCreditReport.com or directly from each of the three credit reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax and Transunion), or even through a company like Credit Karma.

Deciphering that information, however, can be challenging. Simply seeing a piece of negative information, like a bill that you paid late, is different from understanding what that says about your creditworthiness to current and prospective creditors via your credit score.

In short, it's relatively easy to check your credit and difficult to understand how your credit history might affect your financial life.

Checking the status of your title — and understanding what you're looking at — is even more difficult.

Online property record websites are difficult to



Checking the status of your title can be difficult. DREAMSTIME

discern at first, but once you get the hang of it, it's easy to look over documents and make sure your title is in good shape.

While you can still go down to the courthouse or local government office to get title information, online property record websites usually show almost all the information a real estate professional needs to know about the title to a home from the time the website charts the property records for the home until present day.

We hope you're lucky enough to live in an area where the local office that handles the filing and recording of real estate documents has a free online portal where you can view the documents that affect the title to your home.

If you do, and you have access to the online website, you'll likely need your property identification number or other identification number that the municipality uses for your property to look up your property's records. You enter that number into the site, and the site should pop up a list of documents that affect that property number.

The list should include deeds conveying ownership from a seller to a buyer, government ordinances that may be specific to your home, recorded mortgages, recorded releases of mortgages, other liens and other releases of liens, recorded utility easements, recorded covenants, recorded plats of subdivision, and so on.

You should look at the list from today's date and

go backward in time. Some property records have hundreds of items listed, including any liens that were filed and released (from contractors or the IRS, for example). You'll also see the deed from your sellers, and from their sellers, all the way back to the first recorded deed (depending on where you live and how complete the online property records are).

You're looking for any document that was recorded recently, or since you purchased the home. Sometimes, when you've lived in one place for many years, you'll see a notification for every mortgage you ever took out on the home. But you should also see the release for every mortgage you paid off over the years.

For each mortgage you

took out and paid off, you should see a recorded mortgage and a corresponding release of the mortgage.

So, the key is then to see if there is anything else listed on the title record since you purchased the home. If there isn't anything, then you're set. But if you see something that shows you selling the home when you have not or a mortgage or lien that you can't identify, that may be a problem.

We caution you that lenders sometimes assign their mortgage interest to another lender, so that isn't necessarily a problem for you.

We're glad you asked this question, because given what goes on in the world of identity theft and digital personal financial fraud

these days, it's not a bad idea to keep an eye on what you own and the accounts you have from time to time.

If your local recorder of deeds office doesn't have property records online, and you still want to view the documents, call the office that handles the recordkeeping of local real estate filings to find out if you need to make an appointment or can just walk in. You should also ask what requirements they have for viewing documents (you may need to bring in proof of ownership, like a tax bill, and valid identification).

Ilyce Glink is the CEO of Best Money Moves and Samuel J. Tamkin is a real estate attorney. Contact them through the website ThinkGlink.com.



A closet organization system is a big part of keeping your home in good order. DREAMSTIME

HOME REMEDIES

Tips on organizing like a pro

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

The pre-spring doldrums can really take a toll on your house. The flurry of activity around the holidays is long in the past, but spring itself is still some weeks away. Put that time to good use: Before you do your spring cleaning, you can set yourself on the path to household order.

Your best bet is to hire a professional organizer. Pros usually charge between \$55 and \$100 per hour. If you hire them on a per-project rate, the average fee is \$580. Consider looking for pros certified by the National Association of Productivity & Organizing Professionals (NAPO).

Before you hire, figure out what you want. Organizers often charge per project, per room or per hour. Maybe you want them to take you through deep-organizing one room, so you learn the skills to handle the rest of the house yourself. Or you could hire them to take you through the process top to bottom and front to back!

When you select your organizer, make sure it's someone you feel excited

about working with. You'll be spending at least a few hours, if not multiple days, with them as you go through most of your belongings.

Here are some tried-and-true tips from professional organizers to bring your space under control.

Ideas for kitchen organization

■ Separate canned and dry goods into categories (soups, vegetables, baking goods, etc.) and keep items on assigned shelves.

■ Use clear storage boxes to keep perishables in the fridge near eye level so you don't forget to use them.

Don't forget to label them with dates. You can store canned drinks, leftovers, lunch meats and cheese in the crisper drawers to free up shelf space.

■ Keep plastic lids on their lids. It might take up more space, but consider the time and frustration saved by not having to hunt down a matching set.

■ Use dividers in all the drawers to keep item piles from merging. This is especially important in the ubiquitous "junk drawer."

Hints for bedroom organization

■ Use under-bed boxes for

off-season clothing, extra pillows and spare sheets and blankets.

■ Consider installing a closet organization system.

These handy setups come in all sizes and price

ranges, with many offering shelf and hanging space, coordinating doors, and drawers and accessories.

They not only organize your closet, but free up extra storage space.

Tips on how to go paperless

■ You can pay most bills online these days, which helps cut down on paper mess.

■ Sift through your mail as soon as it arrives and toss any junk mail.

■ Have a specific place for reminders, such as school

calendars. Corkboards or household calendars

can keep important dates and paperwork on your

daily radar so nothing

falls between the cracks.

Toss any paperwork if

you no longer need it.

Take a picture or scan

kids' artwork from school

instead of keeping the

original (that is, if you're

not too sentimental). If you

can't part with a memento,

designate a decorative

keepsake box for each

family member.

TREASURES

Leal painting 'Alley of the Kiss' tells a romantic but tragic tale

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
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Q: My grandmother purchased this painting by Manuel Leal when she was in Mexico. She attached a note to the back of the picture telling a little about the artist. She also stated that, since written permission had to be given to remove the painting from Mexico, she had to conceal the painting in order to travel with it back to the United States. What is the value today?

A: The date on the note

was 1952, and it is said the

name of the work is "Kiss

Street." We believe this is a

simplification of the actual

name, which is "Calle-

jon del Beso," or "Alley of

the Kiss." With it goes a

romantic but tragic tale.

Leal (1893-1975) was a

painter, teacher, storyteller

and novelist in the town

of Guanajuato, Mexico,

which is located in the

center of the country and

now a community of about

170,000. Guanajuato means

"hilly place of frogs."

The Spanish came in the

1540s and began mining

metals. It is said that at one

time gold nuggets could

be found on the ground.

During the 18th century,

Guanajuato was the

world's leading producer

of silver. The town is said

to have been the richest in

Mexico during much of the

colonial period.

Guanajuato is hilly, and

streets are often just alleys.

Many streets are

impassable for automobiles.

Many streets have

small piazzas, and balconies

on either side of the

street often almost touch

each other. There are

steep steps on the Calle-

jon de Beso, and tradition

says if couples kiss on the

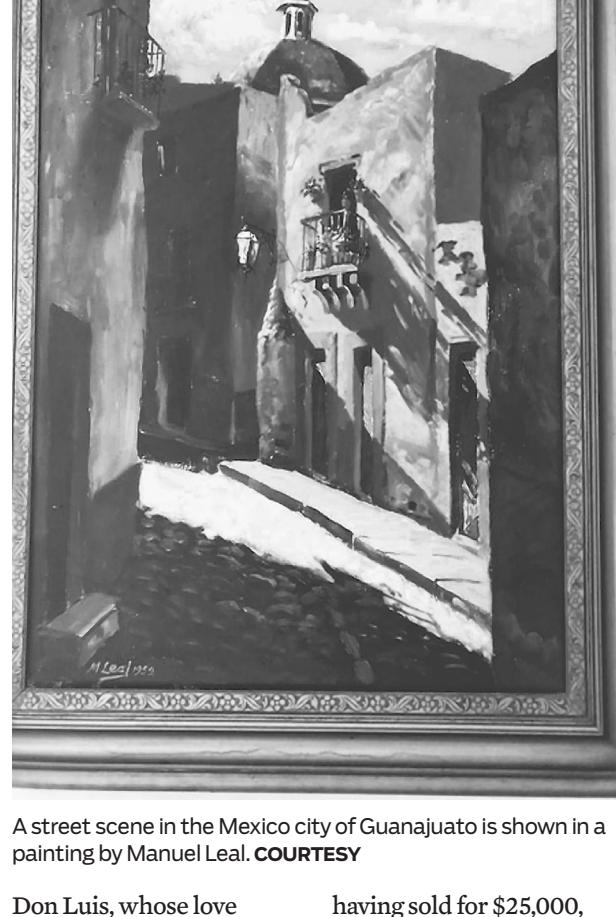
third step, they will have

seven years of happiness

together. The other

legend is of star-crossed

lovers Dona Carmen and



A street scene in the Mexico city of Guanajuato is shown in a painting by Manuel Leal. COURTESY

Don Luis, whose love was forbidden by Dona Carmen's father. The couple met on two of the balconies, one on either side of the alley. And as they held hands across the "Alley of the Kiss," Dona Carmen's father caught them and stabbed her to death. She died with Don Luis still holding her hand.

Leal was Guanajuato's

most famous painter, and

it should be noted he painted

similar scenes of the Calle-

jon de la Galarza. Leal does

have a small international

following, but that leaves

the question of the paint-

ing's worth. That is actu-

ally an interesting question

because we do not know

the size, and there is also

conflicting information on

pricing.

One source lists a similar

painting that is approxi-

mately 29 by 23 inches as

having sold for \$25,000, but we discovered the selling price was actually 25,000 pesos (\$1,962 at the time in 2014). That painting had a figure in it, and other Leal paintings without figures have sold for less. We feel the insurance replacement value would be in the \$2,000 to \$3,000 range.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 194 Losaw Road, Winchester

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Property of the Week

194 Losaw Road, Winchester

By James Alexander

This week's featured home at 194 Losaw Road in Winchester poses an interesting question: Can a log home be both sophisticated and rustic?

Owner Debbie Danowski knows the answer is yes. Her home is "Connecticut sophisticated and Maine rustic," she said with a smile. "I feel privileged to have been able to live in nature like this in a busy state like Connecticut."

Located on more than 27 acres, the next owner will enjoy exceptional privacy, spectacular views through large, expansive windows, and — equestrians take note — facilities for horses. These include a stable with room for four horses, a large paddock with a run-in shed, and storage for 200 bales of hay with room left over for grain and tack. The next owner could add a second paddock, Danowski said. "This is a fun place to have a horse." Adding to this enjoyment, this large parcel of land and the surrounding area have riding trails.



It is, however, the house that holds the greatest appeal. Log construction is perfect for this site, looking historic, natural and inviting. Yet the open interior is well suited for contemporary living and entertaining. The living room is open to the dining area and the thoroughly modern kitchen. Each of these areas has large windows for views of the surrounding countryside, or the family's horses that are free to run in an area protected by a recently updated electric fence.



A soaring, vaulted ceiling gives an added sense of space and drama to the living and dining areas, while the kitchen features granite counters, ample cabinet space, and a center island with seating for informal meals, snacks, or completing homework assignments.

"You can get a lot of people in here," Danowski said. "For one work event, I entertained about 50 people." The electric range, refrigerator, dishwasher, and microwave are included in the sale, as are the washer and dryer, located in a separate first-floor laundry room.

Entry is gained from the three-sided wraparound and partially covered porch and deck, which is an ideal spot for enjoying the surrounding countryside on



a warm summer evening. Upon entering through the front door, you will be treated to views of the living and dining areas and the open half-log stairway leading to a second floor loft and two of this home's four bedrooms. This loft overlooks the living spaces while providing gorgeous views through large A-frame style windows.

The bedrooms are roomy and, on the second floor, take advantage of the rooflines to add visual drama. Two of the bedroom closets are cedar lined.



Hardwood flooring that runs through the public areas and most of the rest of the home is a logical and handsome choice. The first floor bathroom, which serves the primary bedroom, has a large shower. The second floor bath has a tub. Both have tiled floors.

A wood burning stove that straddles the living and dining areas can heat the home during colder weather. The home also has a zoned baseboard central heating system for those days when the owner chooses not to strike a match.



A visit on a winter day, with only the wood stove operating, demonstrated conclusively that it is incredibly effective in keeping the home quite warm, which is the way Danowski likes it. A ceiling fan spreads this heat through the first and second floors. "It will heat the entire home," Danowski said of the stove, which comes with the home. "And there is enough wood on the property to keep you going for some time." She then noted that the flue does not block any of the views through the large windows.

The home's designers took advantage of the sloped lot to create a walkout lower level. It is not finished, but it does have large windows and outdoor access. The possibilities for this space are limited only by the next owner's imagination.

For those who value practicality, this full log home, built in 2004, has a new water tank, installed in 2022. The roof was redone in 2016 and a newer well pump installed in 2019, the same year the exterior was stained, which has maintained the beauty of this exceptional property. The home is also wired to handle



a generator, if the next owner wants one. Danowski, however, said that power failures during her 12 years of ownership have been rare and mostly brief.

The home looks out to a nearly 5-acre pond that is on the property. "It attracts blue herons every year that raise their young here. It's wonderful to watch," Danowski said. The area also has nearby walking trails, skiing and a show barn with an indoor arena for horses. Infinity Music Hall is 15 minutes away while Bradley International Airport is just 26 miles away.

The combination of the large parcel of land, with a potential for subdividing, ample room and facilities for horses, and a home that has undeniable appeal for daily life and entertaining, makes this property a rare find.

The real estate agent, Lisa Bredice, has scheduled an open house for Sunday, March 20th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. To reach the home, go west on Rt. 44 through Winsted center. Turn right on Spencer Street, then take Spencer Hill Road, which is a right at the fork in the road. Losaw Road will be your first left. The home is at the very end of the road.



PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

194 Losaw Road, Winchester

Year built: 2004

Price: \$680,000

Style: Log Home

Rooms: 6

Bedrooms: 4

Baths: 2

Square footage: 2,033 plus about 1,000 sq. ft. in the lower level

Acreage: 27.13

Mill rate: 33.54

Best feature: The views that keep residents close to nature

Contact: Lisa Bredice

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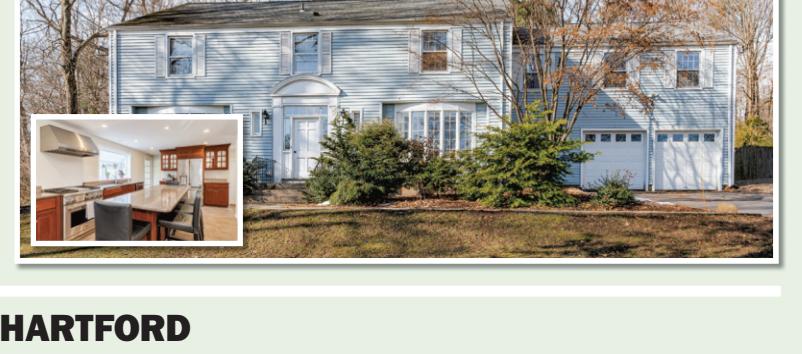
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Rarely Available! This five bedroom, 3.1 bath colonial in sought after area- features privacy as well as a convenient location. Entering this inviting home there is a two-story foyer-turned staircase-front to back living room with built-ins, and fireplace. A spacious dining room with two built-in cupboards, a new half-bath (powder room)-a beautiful new kitchen with center island, granite counters, stainless steel appliances which steps into a family room with corner fireplace also there is a large sunroom which completes the first level. The second level has a large master suite with full bath and four good sized bedrooms- two additional bathrooms. The lower level has a large family room with gas fireplace and an exercise room. Other features include a new furnace and year old air conditioning system. In addition, lovely yard with large terrace/deck and hot tub, also an inground pool. This home is Not To Be Missed! MLS # 170466982 \$799,900.

29 Mountain Terrace, West Hartford CT. John Lepore | jlepose@bhhsne.com | 860.798.7844



WEST HARTFORD

What a pleasure to see a home with the classic & charming features of the 1940's with so many of the updates & enhancements that make life easy in 2022. The improvements in this sunny colonial are impressive. They include new triple paned vinyl windows in 5 bedrooms, 3 upper level baths, attic, living room & dining room, double pane windows in basement. The sparkling white kitchen has a Viking gas cooktop and hood, new Quartzite counters, new SS oversized Kitchen Aid double wall ovens and dishwasher, armoire style Beko refrigerator, & stunning white tiled backsplash. New mechanicals include high efficiency Navien combi hot water & furnace system, high efficiency AC handler for 2nd & 3rd floor in attic with new condenser. New architectural shingle roof over the kitchen, new flat roof over office & 3 season room, fresh interior paint, new lighting fixtures/ceiling fans, sump pump & waterproofing system installed in basement. Fabulous layout with 1st floor office & living room, dining room, 3 season room, and office with fantastic built-ins. 5 spacious bedrooms including a private 3rd floor guest suite. The finished portion of the basement includes a fireplace & is perfect as a playroom or gym. Imagine entertaining, kicking a ball, or relaxing on the bluestone patio in the flat & expansive backyard. Unmatched location in walking distance to Bishops Corner, WH Center & Bugbee Elem. School. Family Circle magazine named West Hartford one of America's 10 Best Towns for Families. MLS # 170469684 \$799,900. 41 Fulton Pl, West Hartford CT. Lori Meyerson | lmeyerson@bhhsne.com | 860-983-4792



REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANSONIA

16-18 Gardners Ln, Cardoso, Elsa and Cardoso, Jorge to Trepca, Kastriot, 2/22, \$250,000
31 Cottage Ave, Angelini, Dolores to Seda, Camilla, 2/25, \$285,000
198 Prospect St, 64 Charron St Assoc LLC to Sellers, Jonathan D and Sellers, Dahan, 2/24, \$400,000

ASHFORD

49 Hnath Rd, Stedman-Myette, Jill S to Ching, Lawrence, 2/23, \$55,000

AVON

5 Lancaster Ct Lot 5, Barbara B Drew T and Drew, John E to Bigelow 3rd, Bayard and Bigelow, Nancy B, 2/24, \$595,000
18 Riverview, Alfa, Frank S and Alu, Virginia M to GPS 2 Realty LLC, 2/22, \$257,600
140 Mallard Dr Lot 140, Dhulipalla, Praveen K and Chinnam, Jhanis L to Gateway Palms LLC, 2/24, \$184,000
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BEACON FALLS

8 Berry Ct, Eg Home LLC to Jessica R Garraway RET and Garraway, Jessica R, 2/23, \$588,292
25 Bayberry Ct, Eg Home LLC to Guardia, Jr, Charles F and Guardia, Joanne M, 2/24, \$577,025

BERLIN

Decorim Woods, RJD Dev Co LLC to ZK Builders LLC, 2/15, \$170,000
Main St Lot 1, RJD Dev Co LLC to ZK Builders LLC, 2/15, \$180,000
22 Schultz Rd, Bumbera, Lisa M and Nationstar Mortgage LLC to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 2/15, \$165,600
689 Deming Rd, Martinielli, Joseph and McKeon, Elizabeth to Martinielli, Joseph, 2/24, \$271,000

BETHEL

4 Hunting Ridge Ln Lot 4, Patton, Justin A and Patton, Stephanie L to Blanco, Barbara and Blanco, Martin, 2/24, \$25,000
5 Eagle Rock HI Lot 5, Cooke, Kellyann to Katherine A Smith and Smith, Katherine A, 2/23, \$235,000
53 Deer Run Lot 53, Resto, David T to Son, Thanh P and Son, Thi H, 2/23, \$270,000
525 Copper Square Dr Lot \$25, RMS Copper Square LLC to Manoharan, Venkatesh, 2/23, \$381,000
607 Lexington Blvd Lot 607, Mayer, Krista M to Luczak, Michele, 2/23, \$232,535

BETHLEHEM

160 Paddy Hollow Rd, Crann 3rd, John J to Cottage Brook LLC, 2/23, \$465,000

BLOOMFIELD

Rundelane, Smith, David A to Sharon Dvora T and Dvora, Sharon, 2/23, \$405,000
87 Tunxis Ave, Acosta, Luis to Brown, Dagree, 2/22, \$24,000
103 Old Windsor Rd, Rattlesnake Hill LLC to Eastern Hldg Group LLC, 2/24, \$600,000
190 Cottage Grove Rd, Romero, Maria and Ramero, Ramon to Israel, Malanie, 2/23, \$278,700
224 Castlewood Dr Lot 224, Ortiz, Edna to Mcwhite, Jimmie and Mcwhite, Rosa, 2/23, \$225,000

BOLTON

33 Carter St, Tracy, Sally R to Bracken, Elizabeth and Ong, Paul, 2/23, \$294,000
55 Tolland Rd, Strout, Mark A and Strout, Elizabeth A to Sicard, Joseph E and Sicard, Karlie T, 2/24, \$425,000
56 Bolton Center Rd, Jurkovic, George and Fiorentino, Thomas S to Singh, Taj and Singh, Rajama, 2/23, \$220,000

BRANFORD

Anchor Reef Clb Lot 5-2, Clinton CT LLC to Arcangelo, James, 2/16, \$280,000
Island View Vlg, Mezza, Dalia to Canaan, Arlette, 2/15, \$165,000
W Main St, Cucinelli FT and Cucinelli, Anthony P to Gattano Ferraro Family, 2/15, \$665,250

Wheeler Is, Stoecklein, Christine S and Stoecklein, Edmund H to Fabris, James T and Sasso, Leslie F, 2/14, \$299,000

N/A, Digiota, Mark and Digiota, Gail to Lender, Marilyn, 2/23, \$530,000

N/A, Dunham Mobile Home Pk LLC to Bradley, Margaret M, 2/24, \$85,000

11 School Ground Rd, Dunham Mobile Home Pk LLC to Smith, Andrew and Smith, Christopher, 2/18, \$89,000

15 Little Bay Ln, 15 Little Bay Lane LLC to Cave, Jeffery and Cave, Eleanor R, 2/23, \$280,000

23 Damien Rd, Selander, Kristina and Selander, Paul to Hart, Scott A and Iannelli, Elizabeth, 2/25, \$185,000

33 Orchard Hill Rd, 149 Durhan Road LLC to Levitan, Menache, N, 2/23, \$379,000

48 Peddlars Dr Lot 48, Garofalo, Peter and Garofalo, Pamela to Blackley, Joshua and Finan, Shelby, 2/16, \$290,000

60 Maple St Lot 25, Morrotti, Vincent L and Morrotti, Susan A to Kraak, Thomas, 2/23, \$317,000

65 Harrison Ave, Angelo Jr, Alfred L to Welter, Mitchell and Welter, Ashlyn, 2/25, \$256,200

72 Sunset Beach Rd, Spotlow, Richard and Zuse, Thatcher A to Downes, Marc and Downes, Patricia, 2/22, \$925,000

117 Florence Rd Lot 28, Simchoni Tess C Est and Simhoni, Maryann to Alemu, Seifu and Alemu, Tanya, 2/17, \$136,900

135 Florence Rd Lot 2C, Ryan, Shawn to Angelo, Trevor, 2/24, \$154,000

BRIDGEPORT

Orland St, GNN Realty LLC to Granados, German, 2/18, \$210,000
29 Nob Hill Cir Lot A, Kruppenbacher, William A to 4 Walls LLC, 2/23, \$65,000

40 Hale Ter, Mayernick Maida E Est and Forcier, Jessica to Jackson, Sydnie E, 2/23, \$300,000

64 Cornhill St, Clark Jr, James J and Clark, Shirley H to Nunes, Antonio, 2/23, \$325,000

64 Kennedy Dr Lot 64, Ephie Jr, Benjamin C and McIntosh, Alexis J to Bass, Brittan, 2/18, \$199,000

65 Agnes St, Abiel Holdings LLC to Cueva, Jose A, 2/18, \$12,000

125 Denver Ave, Brown, Joshua to Blackstone Const Bldrs, 2/23, \$105,000

132-134 Savoy St, Palmerio Elizabeth Est and Lazaruk, Marion to Cifuentes, Yovani, 2/18, \$205,000

171 Indian Ave, Farrel, Lucie to Cole, Keneisha M and Cole, Lulica E, 2/23, \$310,000

217 Jewett Ave, Davis, Coleman to Dutan, Jose A and Carchi, Maria E, 2/18, \$330,000

225 Knowitz St, Adam Industries LLC to 225 Knowitz St LLC, 2/22, \$405,000

275 Nancy Dr, Castle, Francine to 275 Nancy Drive LLC, 2/23, \$317,500

314 Savoy St, Coca, Ignacio and Coca, Aida to Cilea, Joseph J, 2/18, \$345,000

316 Harlem Ave, Carfora, Carl to Meliora Investments LLC, 2/22, \$205,000

345 Lake Ave, Sussman, Karen E to Cicirelli, Michael R and Lucas, Gregory, 2/23, \$532,000

357-361 Orchard St, Vazquez, Daniel to Islam, Md S and Khatun, Sonia, 2/18, \$427,500

365 Dogwood Dr, Booth, Rianne to Mills, Keith, 2/18, \$250,000

563-565 Shelton St, Costa, Debora to Moreno, Manuel, 2/18, \$455,000

630 Cleveland Ave, Bell, Christian S to Borda, Christian and Dorval, Marce, 2/18, \$310,000

715 Frenchtown Rd Lot 35, Aponte, Mildred to Javier, Julio E and Samayoa, Gilda F, 2/18, \$195,000

867-871 Grand St, Silva, Antonio R to Livi-saca, Elias, 2/18, \$399,000

1042 Iranistan Ave, Pro Tech Home LLC to Shalmian, Martin and Fairclough, Jovia, 2/18, \$630,000

1431-1433 Iranistan Ave, Iris Realty LLC to Mitchell, Sharon J, 2/18, \$505,000

2134 Seaview Ave, Roman, Jacquelyn M to Garcia, Jose A and Rodriguez, Cynthia, 2/18, \$180,000

BRISTOL

37 Beacon St, Mangiafico, Jaime S to Marson, Mark, 2/22, \$231,000
39 Harvest Ln, Banker, Roberta Z to Jones, Lena, 2/25, \$235,000
58 Morningside Dr, Witan Holdings LLC to Nerkowski, Stephan, 2/24, \$21,000
64 Holt St, Shippee, Sherry L to DGG Development LLC, 2/22, \$121,500

73 Glendale Dr, Spinelli, Barbara A to Carney, Samantha J and Bryant, Jared A, 2/24, \$300,000
88 Shaw Dr, Williams, Todd and Williams, Burton to Rugebe, Daisy, 2/24, \$365,000
112 Haig Ave, Hughes, Marcus to Brown, Cayon and Brown, Leon, 2/22, \$240,000
113 Songbird Ln, Rodriguez, Michael to Jedegeadeswan, K, 2/22, \$221,500
177 Red Stone HI, Oliver, Todd W and Oliver, Kimberly J to Pace Homebuyers LLC, 2/24, \$170,000
365 Allentown Rd, Lepage Homes Inc to Szestakow, Danielle M, 2/22, \$259,900
536 Redstone Hill Lot 6, Fortuna, Joseph to Patel, Keval P, 2/24, \$250,000

BROOKFIELD

39 Knollcrest Dr, Digiiovanni, Thomas M and Digiiovanni, Andrea M to Conte Jr, Frank N and Conte, Marisa M, 2/24, \$510,000

57 Poult St, A Kaush & Sons LLC to Szczepaniak, Thomas A, 2/22, \$295,000

BURLINGTON

19 Partridge Ln, Wojtusik, Phyllis M to Degenhardt, Matthew and Silverio, Alissa, 2/23, \$319,900
69 Alpine Dr, Carrier Home Builders Inc to Merlin, Marc and Merlin, Theresa S, 2/22, \$720,164

196 Goosenick Hill Rd, Penardo, Michael to Reilly, Joseph, 2/22, \$125,000

CANTON

15 Village Sq Lot 15, Benoff, David S and Benoff, Brenda to King, Brian, 2/14, \$360,000
27 Sweetheart Mountain Rd, Lessard, Ryan M and Lessard, Jessica R to Weston, Samantha and Thivierge, Mark, 2/22, \$600,000
48 Trallsend Dr, Yu, Qiang and Chen, Xiu Y to Lester, Daniel J, 2/23, \$245,000
50 E Hill Rd Lot 8P, Abdelrehim, Mohamed G to Chen, Ling, 2/14, \$135,000
87 Dyer Ave, Campbell Martha M Est and Brierty, Linda to Elmer, Christopher E and Kulikowski, Alicia, 2/22, \$400,000

CHESHIRE

106 Sloper Ln, Mcgeary, Signian to Camacho, Mary A, 2/22, \$329,900
605 Riverside Dr, Molnar, David P and Melnar, Laural M to Ward, Henry N, 2/22, \$610,000

CHESTER

12 Middlesex Ave, Bright, Karen L and Liberatore, Guido to Carr, Thomas, 2/23, \$262,000
44 Castle View Dr, Boorman, Zachary C to Lucian Ferraiolo T and Ferraiolo, Lucian, 2/24, \$317,000

CLINTON

9 Loop Rd, Joan T Hammele T and Hammele, Robin to Hoffman, Scott R and Hoffman, Bozena K, 2/22, \$125,000
59 Old Post Rd Lot CR4, Xavier Richard F Est and Ferro, Joseph to Dumond, Daniel and Dumond, Shawn M, 2/24, \$172,500

153 Nod Rd, Royer, Maria and Loureiro, Margaret to Extremely Finite LLC, 2/14, \$15,000

COLCHESTER

39 Balaban Rd, Silva, Matthew M to Stewart, 3rd, William H and Stewart, Christina M, 2/24, \$410,000
46 Center Ct Lot 46, Ginny Linde T and Linde, Linda B to Cibor, Esterly, Nancy P and Ebersole, David S, 2/24, \$440,000

75 Fairway Dr Lot 75, HUD to Reddick, Gordon B and Reddick, Denise E, 2/24, \$285,000

23 Stanavage Rd, Davis, Christopher and Davis, Jessie to Angevine Jr, Barry L and Angevine, Lauren A, 2/24, \$539,900

440 New London Rd, Marvin, Dennis H to Burnham, Clifford and Burnham, Laurie A, 2/24, \$230,000

537 Old Hartford Rd, Brooks, Susan M to Loyola, Walter L and Loyola, Corrine R, 2/23, \$415,000

COLUMBIA

339 Route 66, Thompson, William W to Degriffen, Taylor and Degriffen, Morgan, 2/22, \$325,000

40 Chestnut Dr, Tard, Stu, Nancy P and Eberle, David S, 2/24, \$440,000

751 Stanavage Rd, Davis, Christopher and Davis, Jessie to Angevine Jr, Barry L and Angevine, Lauren A, 2/24, \$539,900

COVENTRY

32 Juniper Dr, Ellis, Elisabeth and Ellis, Thomas B to Carey, Elizabeth, 2/23, \$215,000
38 John Paul Ln, Hoang, Tuan Q and Youse-fi-Hoang, Soungoud S to Kiugi, Timothy and Kiugi, Molly M, 2/23, \$545,000

125 Squirrel Trl, Pate, Stuart and Pate, Hanet to Rivera, Kristina, 2/22, \$196,000
218 Boston Tpk, Eb Square LLC to Prue, 720 LLC, 2/22, \$305,000

CROMWELL

9 W Street Ter, Reverse Mtg Funding LLC to Hicks, Elizabeth T, 2/22, \$176,000
40 Chestnut Ct Lot 40, Malinauskaita, Dovile to Fabizak, Michael, 2/24, \$152,000

101 Skyview Dr Lot 101, Hill Delores J and Hill Jr, Charlie B to Rivera, Teresa and Rivera, Nelson J, 2/23, \$215,000

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40 Chestnut Dr, Tard, Stu, Nancy P and Eberle, David S, 2/24, \$440,000

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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302 Howard Ave, Y&S Realty LLC to Shelton Ventures LLC, 2/24, \$740,000
310 Lighthouse Rd, McKay, Lorne D and McKay, Edwin J to Erick, Catherine M, 2/25, \$300,000
429 Blake St Lot 429, USA HUD to Garstka, Jamie, 2/23, \$157,000
466 Middletown Ave Lot 11, USA HUD to Thomas, Michael, 2/24, \$75,000
503 Ferry St, Guo, Hong to Colony Homes LLC, 2/25, \$320,000
687 Winchester Ave, Wang, Zechen to Fei, Min, 2/22, \$450,000
809 Edgewood Ave, G2 Investments LLC to Moszczynski, Janusz, 2/25, \$460,000
1572 Ella T Grasso Blvd, Miller, Jacob D and Colville, Keeley M to Illulian, Chaya M, 2/23, \$500,000

NEW LONDON

7 Admiral Dr, Reuben Levin T and Levin, Monica P to Archer, Susan K, 2/23, \$380,000
49 Sander St, Daly, Elizabeth and Miskell Jr, Thomas B to Jeavits, William P, 2/18, \$199,900
50 Montauk Ave, Valentini, Nilda and Velez, Julio A to Danz, Terri and Tederman, Westley E, 2/18, \$215,000
65 Colman St, Uz Mah Dev Ltd LLC to Williams, Craig L, 2/23, \$215,000

NEW MILFORD

3 Hardwood Cir Lot 3, Carrato, Anthony L to Gellella, Leonard J and Gellella, Karen M, 2/22, \$510,000
47 Valley View Ln, Smac Prop Solutions LLC to Silva, Helder M, 2/24, \$400,000
115 Old Ridge Rd, Gellella, Leonard and Merritt, Karen to Gills, Kenneth and Gills, Robin J, 2/23, \$589,000

NEWINGTON

7 Harlow Dr Lot 7, Haslam, William D and Haslam, Joanne to Mah, Susan, 2/17, \$360,000
50 Stage Coach Ln, Rickard Mary R Est and Chulack Sr, Peter G to Giannanti, Nicholas E, 2/15, \$197,500
67 Tremont St, Gangloff, Scott and Gangloff, Jordan to Delacruz, Miguel and Delacruz, Jessica, 2/11, \$357,500
229 Nicholson St, Golas Noel Est and Collard, Anne to Macri, Carlos A, 2/8, \$185,000
242 W Hill Rd, Schmitt, Kenneth B to Bieber, Deborah S, 2/11, \$295,000

NEWTON

4 Lyrical Ln, Vilanova, Ashley R and Vilanova, Austin J to Dean, Heather G and Dean, Jefferson W, 2/22, \$467,500
12 Sebastian Trl, Premiere Home Dev LLC to Martin, Andrea and Salusso, Leonardo, 2/23, \$893,000

41 Boulevard, Yochura, Jerome and Yochum, Peggy J to Cipriani, Benjamin R and Cipriani, Linda L, 2/22, \$810,500
110 Mount Pleasant Rd, Torres, Zachary and Torres, Beatrice M to McGowan, John and McGowan, Kathy, 2/22, \$470,000

NORFOLK

399 Greenwoods Rd E, Nodine, Calvin F and Nodine, Kelly A to Schneider, Jeremy and Schneider, Megan, 2/22, \$325,000

NORTH BRANFORD

32 Woodland Dr, Vine, Robert A and Vine, Alan S to Estes, David, 2/16, \$200,000
229 Branford Rd Lot 427, Goodmaster, Michael L to Coan, David, 2/17, \$205,000

NORTH CANAAN

9 Greene Ave, Baker, Ronald L and Baker, Joan M to McGuire, Connor P and McGuire, Patrick M, 2/22, \$270,000
379 Norfolk Rd, Hattani, Oltrane to Vondwinglo, Eric C and Lachler, Jill E, 2/23, \$187,500

NORTH HAVEN

45 Thorpe St, Cavallaro, Laura to Franco, Alexis, 2/23, \$339,000

NORTH STONINGTON

28 Anna Farm Rd W, Hudacek, Christopher M and Hudacek, Jennifer A to Engler, Teresa A and Engler, Joshua E, 2/23, \$512,388

NORWICH

28 Manwaring Rd, FNMA to Schramm, Joey, 2/22, \$200,000

51 Gifford St, Devlin, Alexis to Bayside Investments LLC, 2/22, \$30,000

54 Division St, Alta Property Group LLC to Payne, Melissa, 2/24, \$164,500

68 Thermos Ave Lot 311, Jensen Carl Est and Jensen, Eric to Kraemer, Benjamin R, 2/22, \$124,000

71 Maple St, Abdela-Sheivoun, G A and Midfirst Bank to Midfirst Bank, 2/25, \$124,727

175 Laurel Hill Ave, Brokaw, Sandra to 175 Laurel Hill LLC, 2/24, \$155,000

510 Laurel Hill Rd, Oraskovich, Matsu and Oraskovich, Richard to Prado, David and Santiago, Stephanie S, 2/23, \$225,000

OLD LYME

4 Whippletree Ln, Browne, Raymond to Boyko, Kimberly A, 2/18, \$435,000

18 Katherine Dr, Cholewa, Dannie J and Cholewa, Terry D to Johnson, Jermain, 2/17, \$480,000

57 Hillcrest Rd, Brooks, Lois J and Antil, Margaret B to Summers, Brianne G, 2/22, \$410,000

OLD SAYBROOK

8 Blue Heron Way Lot 8, Callahan, Russell P and Callahan, Eunira A to Chang, Un S and Cui, Hui Y, 2/17, \$505,000

OXFORD

14 Charles Rd, Second Street Const LLC to Proffitt, Daniel and Proffitt, Lauren, 2/18, \$539,900

536 Putting Green Ln Lot 536, Colonel, Barbara A to Fahey, Patricia and McKenna, Ira, 2/18, \$529,900

PLAINVILLE

1 Town Line Rd Lot 2, Lapenta, John F and Lapenta, Karen A to 1 Woodbine Avenue LLC, 2/10, \$125,000
7 James Pl, Labanowicz, Krzysztof to Buden, Malgorzata and Colaccino, Giovanni A, 2/17, \$425,500

10 W Pine Way Lot A1, Costello, William T Diaz, Carol A, 2/22, \$155,000

41 Kristin Ln, Satsuki, Ewa to Salek, Agnieszka K, 2/22, \$300,000

43 Birch Tree Rd, US Bank NA Tr to Munoz, Patricia, 2/22, \$239,000

465 East St, Schaller Richard M Est and Schaller, Audrey K to RGT Properties LLC, 2/22, \$700,000

PLYMOUTH

Country Garden Ct, Vail Contractors LLC to Lupachino, Peter, 2/22, \$125,000
10 Agney Ave Lot 2F, Papapietro, Michael and Papapietro, Patricia to Garden Estates LLC, 2/23, \$85,000

115 Great Hill Rd, Strole, Ellen M to Gasior, Christopher and Wing, Amanda, 2/22, \$332,000

PRESTON

155 Covell Rd, Weiss Claudia S Est and Brown, Amy K to Avicilli, Denise M, 2/22, \$225,000

PORTLAND

212 Great Hill Rd, Strole, Ellen M to Gasior, Christopher and Wing, Amanda, 2/22, \$332,000

PROSPECT

3 Coer Rd, Witkowski, Theresa E to Desrosiers, Jed A and Desrosiers, Sherri L, 2/23, \$369,000

4 Rosewood Dr, Stokes, Robert and Stokes, Susan M to Slattery, Christine and Slattery, Matthew, 2/22, \$285,000

41 Sherwood Dr, Blodis Susan J Est and Schoppenhauer, Peter to Linterges, Alexis and Porto, Edward J, 2/22, \$279,000

PUTNAM

3 Mcclimon Rd, Mcclimon, Susan M to Palmer, Brian D and Palmer, Dina M, 2/23, \$48,000

115 Route 2A, Friello, Jessica R to Forrestal, Jared E, 2/22, \$165,000

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Harbingers of spring return

By Jeff Lowenfels

Associated Press

Like the swallows returning to Capistrano, seed racks are back! These harbingers of spring are now appearing in stores and nurseries all over North America, exciting gardeners with visions of a new gardening season.

Without dampening the excitement that these spinning or stationary racks generate, I do suggest that both novice and expert gardeners alike be careful approaching them. Seed racks are magical. They attract gardeners like magnets attract iron filings. It doesn't matter that you may have perfectly good seeds left over from last year or that you already ordered seeds from a catalog; you need to check out what is being offered.

Next thing you know, 10 minutes has passed and you are wandering to the cash register with a handful of seed offerings. What happened?

Seed sellers know gardeners are hard-wired by the "Jack and The Beanstalk" story. Plant a magical seed — and all seeds are magical — and up shoots the stalk. If we just choose half a dozen of those hand-size packets of seeds, we can grow a half acre (or even more) of food or flowers. All it takes are some seeds. Here they are, all in one place.

So, a few rules gardeners should keep in mind when they stumble upon a spring seed rack:

First, never buy seeds unless you have a garden plan, and one that calls for that type of seed. (This goes for catalog and online buying as well; start with a plan.) It is OK to take notes on what's available from racks (use your phone's note app), but don't buy any packets until you know you need them and have a place to grow them. Go home, make a simple plan and then come back.

Second, never buy a seed



Seed packets can lure you in with pretty pictures on the front. But it's the advice on the back you need to follow. **JEFF LOWENFELS/AP PHOTOS**

packet based on its picture. These are designed to look so good you will reach out and take the packet, and once it's in your hand you won't put it back. Simply put, the picture is a sales gimmick and does not give you the information you need to make a smart purchase.

That information is on the back of the packet, and the third rule of seed racking is that you study this info carefully before buying. The back describes the plant as an annual, perennial or biennial, which is good to know. Where appropriate, the range of growing zones will be listed. And, so important, here's where you will find how tall the plant grows and its expected

spread, so you can space seeds or seedlings appropriately.

As important, the back of the pack should list how many days it takes for the plant to go from germination to maturity. (You should already know how long your growing season happens to be.)

There are often additional growing instructions, too. These will indicate if growing the plant matches your level of expertise.

And always look for this year's date printed at the bottom of the packet so you know you are getting fresh and viable seeds, not previous years'.

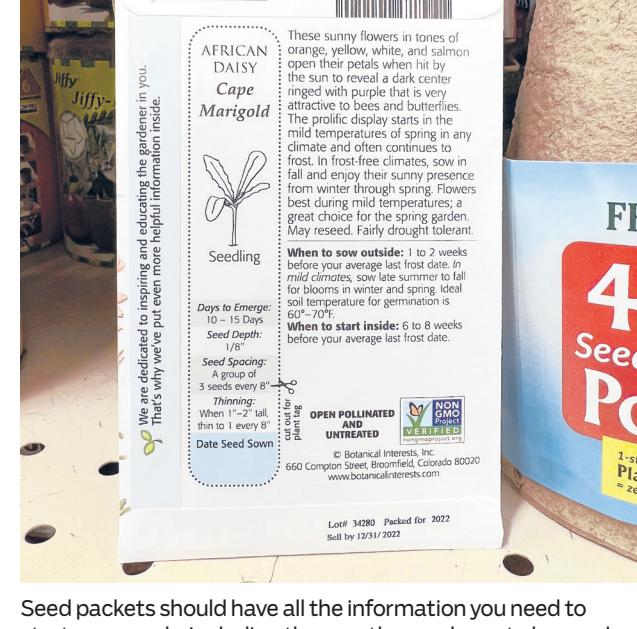
Last, but not least, note the number of seeds in the packet. Usually, a single packet will contain more

than you need. (How many cabbage plants does your family want you to plant, anyhow?)

I've had encounters with seed racks in a local mall. My glasses may be all fogged up from coming in from the cold, but I see them and they pull me in. Within minutes, I am wandering around with a handful of seed packets I really don't need. Fortunately, my wife makes me put them back (unless they are arugula seeds).

There should be a fourth rule of seed racking: Make sure your spouse or some other responsible soul is with you.

Jeff Lowenfels writes regularly about gardening for The Associated Press.



Seed packets should have all the information you need to start your seeds, including the year the seeds are to be used.



High-efficiency showerheads are a good idea for any bathroom. **KOHLER**

ASK THE PLUMBER

What to look for in a high-efficiency showerhead

By Ed Del Grande
Tribune News Service

Q: As our children grow up, our water bills are also growing. To lower water usage, I plan to change the showerheads in both bathrooms to new high-efficiency models. What performance options do you recommend for water-saving heads?

A: High-efficiency shower-

heads are a good idea for any bathroom and can save even more water than standard showerheads.

Some areas may require only installing high-efficiency showerheads. So check your local water use requirements to make sure the new showerheads meet or beat local guidelines and/or codes. This question brings up a good point

as far as high-efficiency showerhead performance. Since these showerheads can have a lower gallon per minute (GPM) flow rate, it's important to get the most you can out of every drop of water.

For performance features I like showerheads that include the following:

- A wide nozzle pattern for better body coverage
- Easy-to-clean flexible

water jets to cut down on water deposits

■ Built-in "air-induction" technology. Infusing air into the water flow can blow you away with a nice water-saving sensory experience.

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ASK THE BUILDER

Checklist needed when renovating old home

By Tim Carter
Tribune Content Agency

Not too long ago, I was driving to get an estimate to install a new muffler on my truck. As luck would have it, I happened upon an old Victorian house that had seen far better days. It brought back vivid memories of the first old house I ever bought and renovated.

Perhaps you've heard the saying, "You don't know what you don't know." I can speak to the validity of this — and, fortunately, I didn't know much at all when I bought that wonderful, quaint three-bedroom home at an FHA auction in the spring of 1975 for \$8,000.

If I had known then what I know now after all these years of working in old homes for paying customers, I don't know if I would have bought it. To be sure, visions of grandeur were dancing in my head — and in my new bride's as well — much as they did in Mr. Blandings' head in the old Cary Grant movie.

I had all sorts of support from my father-in-law, who, although he was a medical doctor, had a passion for real estate investing. But what I lacked was a comprehensive checklist that would have helped me identify possible trouble spots and definite dealbreakers.

The good news for anybody embarking on a fixer-upper adventure today is that a really good old-house renovation checklist exists — and I compiled it. It's quite thorough and helpful, a product of the hard-won knowledge I have accumulated over my career as a builder.

Here are a few things that you should think about if you're about to go all-in on an old house as I did back on that warm spring day:

First and foremost, make sure the house has a great



Are you thinking of renovating an old house like this one in New Hampshire? A good checklist will help you through the process. **TIM CARTER/TNS**

foundation. Just recently, my son was thinking of buying an old house and he sent me a photo of a diagonal crack extending from the corner of a basement window down to the floor. The house was almost 100 years old. The crack was less than $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in width, there was no evidence of water seepage and the concrete was not offset.

My wife thought this was a major defect. I pointed out that it's normal for concrete to shrink as it cures and cracks at window-opening corners are as common as flies at a summer picnic. The fact there was no water seepage and the concrete was still in the same plane suggested to me that there was nothing to worry about. After all, this crack had been there for probably 99 years!

It's also important that the house's framing, or bones, are in great shape with no cracks, wood rot or insect damage. The carpenters of old knew how to keep wood in great shape, and most made prudent use of simple tar paper to keep the structure dry for decades.

Next, carefully assess the mechanical systems. The presence of cast-iron plumbing stacks needn't worry you, especially if you can see the cast letters XH on the pipe. These letters indicate that pipe is extra heavy and might last for hundreds of years so long as the previous homeowners didn't put liquid drain cleaners down the pipes.

If you do see cast-iron plumbing vertical pipes, it almost certainly means

you'll have smaller horizontal galvanized pipes that drain sinks, showers and possibly tubs. These pipes will almost always be in poor shape and require replacement.

Old electric wires and cables found in most houses built in the early 1900s simply were not designed for today's modern appliances. You can count on having to install lots of new cables to kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms and other rooms where you might have appliances that consume lots of power.

Don't underestimate the cost to retrofit your heating and cooling system. Many very old houses simply don't have the supply and return air registers in the correct locations. My first house had all the supply

vents located on the inside of the house. Decades ago HVAC pros discovered it's best to flood exterior walls with either heated air in the winter and cool air in the summer. That means the return air registers must be across the room on inside walls. I doubt you'll see this setup on a house built in 1905!

If the house was built long before 1967, you can be sure it's got lead paint both inside and outside. You don't have to get rid of it, but you most definitely need to understand how to work with it so you don't get poisoned or poison a loved one.

Even scraping exterior lead paint is an issue, as you can contaminate soil you may use for a vegetable garden. Never ever sand lead paint.

Realize that you can match both interior and exterior wood trim if you've got a big budget. Old-fashioned lumberyards in your area might have their own mill, or they may know of a local one that can cut new knives that will create matching profiles for all the fancy woodwork inside or outside your home.

I offer a very helpful checklist that can save you hundreds of dollars on a professional home inspector.

It points out many of the dealbreakers. Once you find a house that gets a good rating from my checklist, then hire an ASHI inspector.

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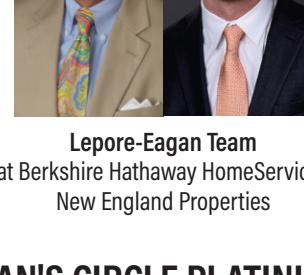
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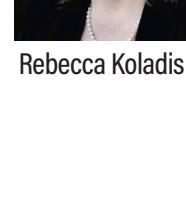


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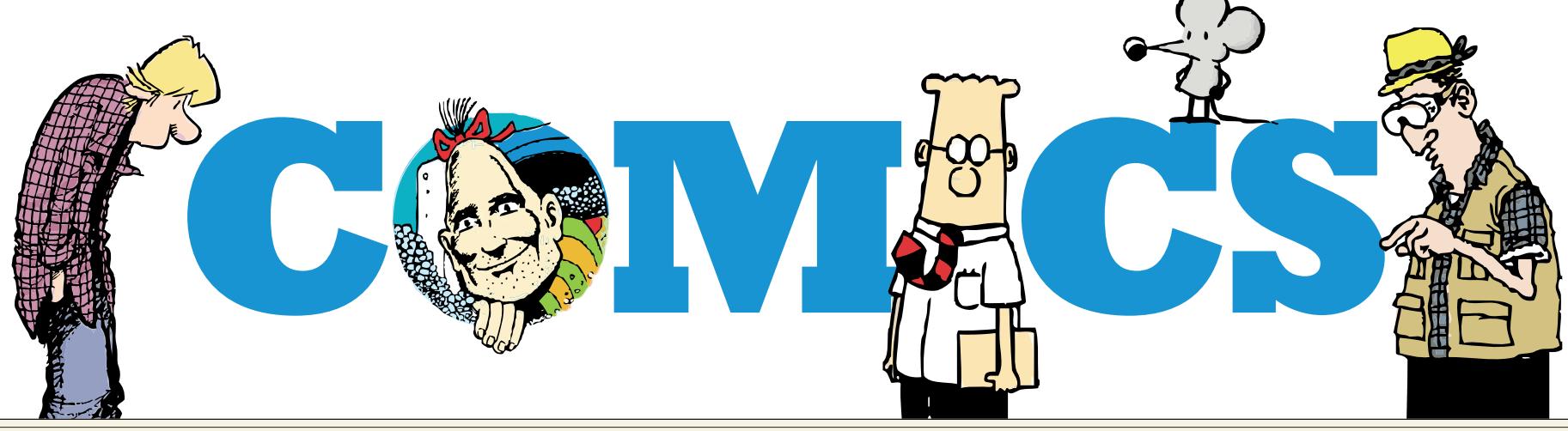
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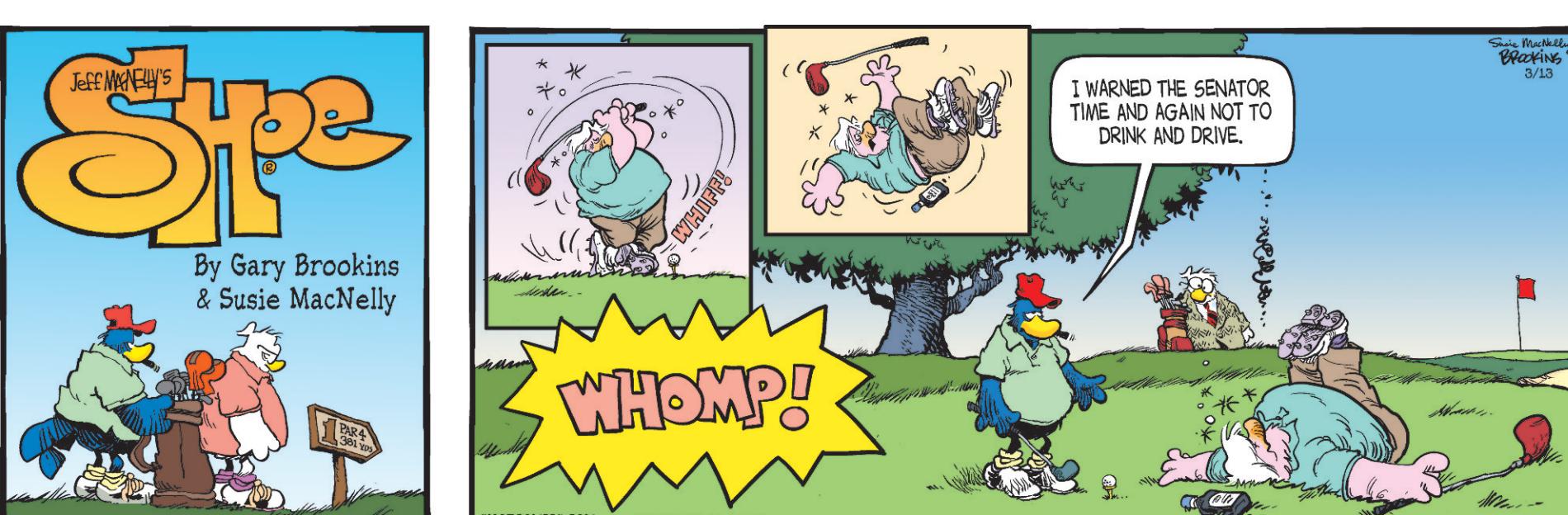
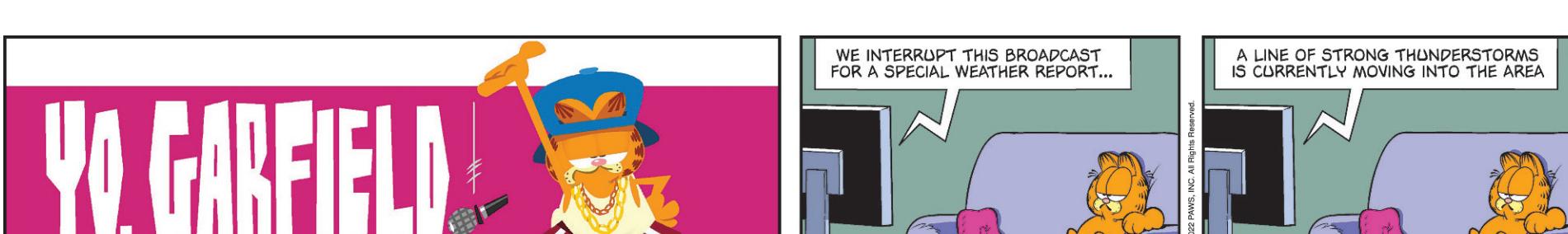
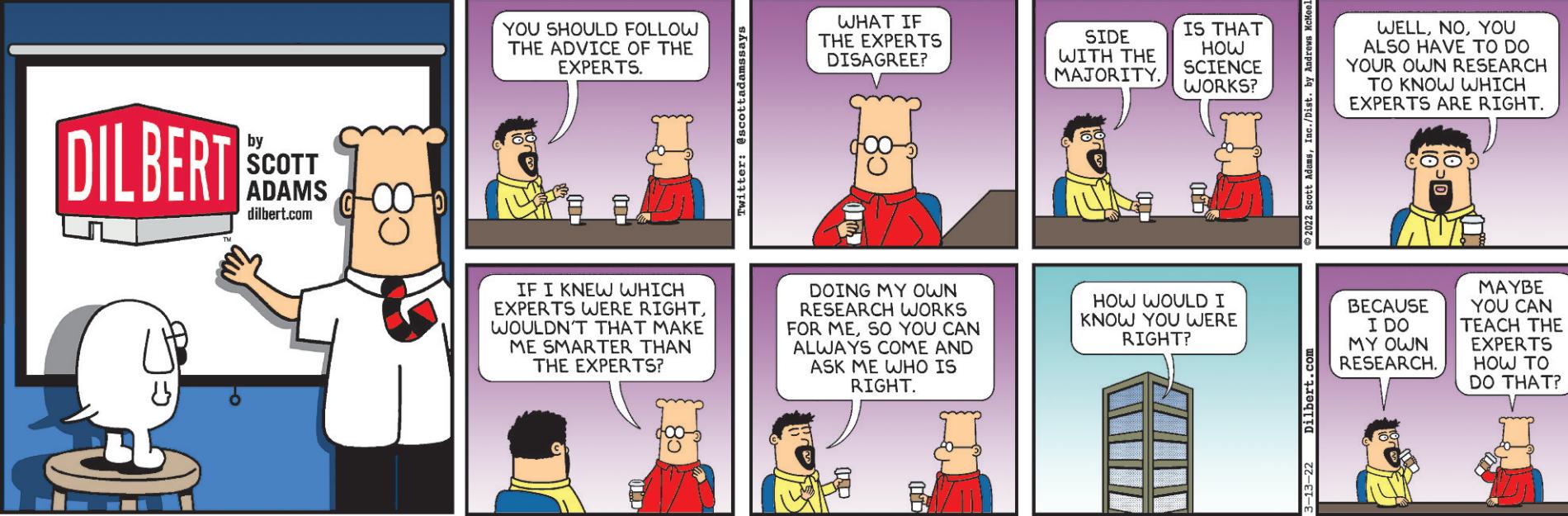
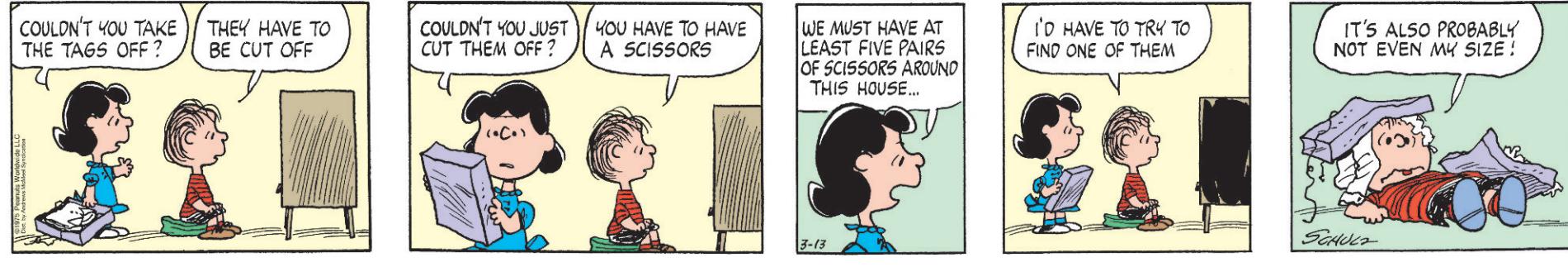
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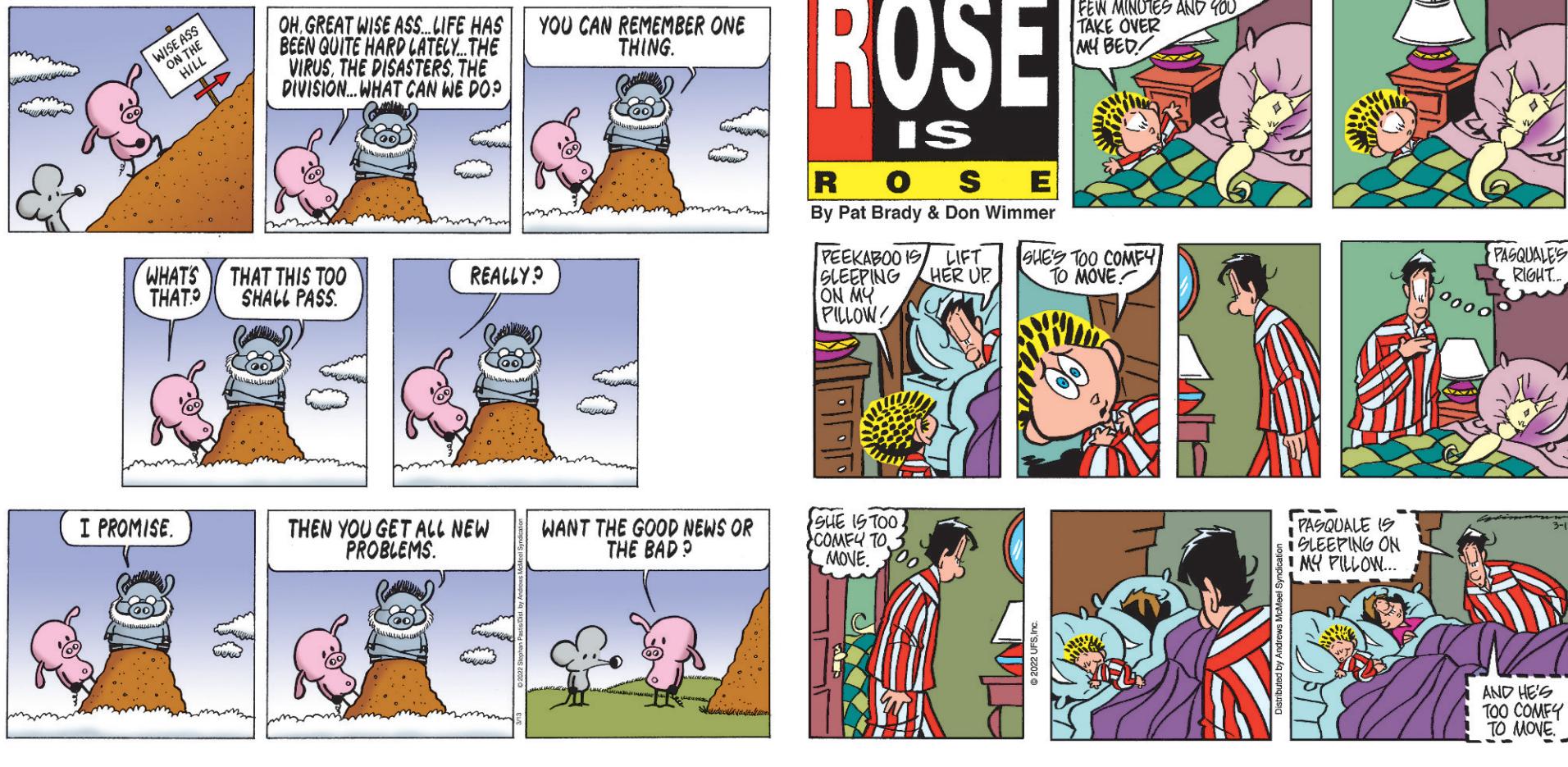
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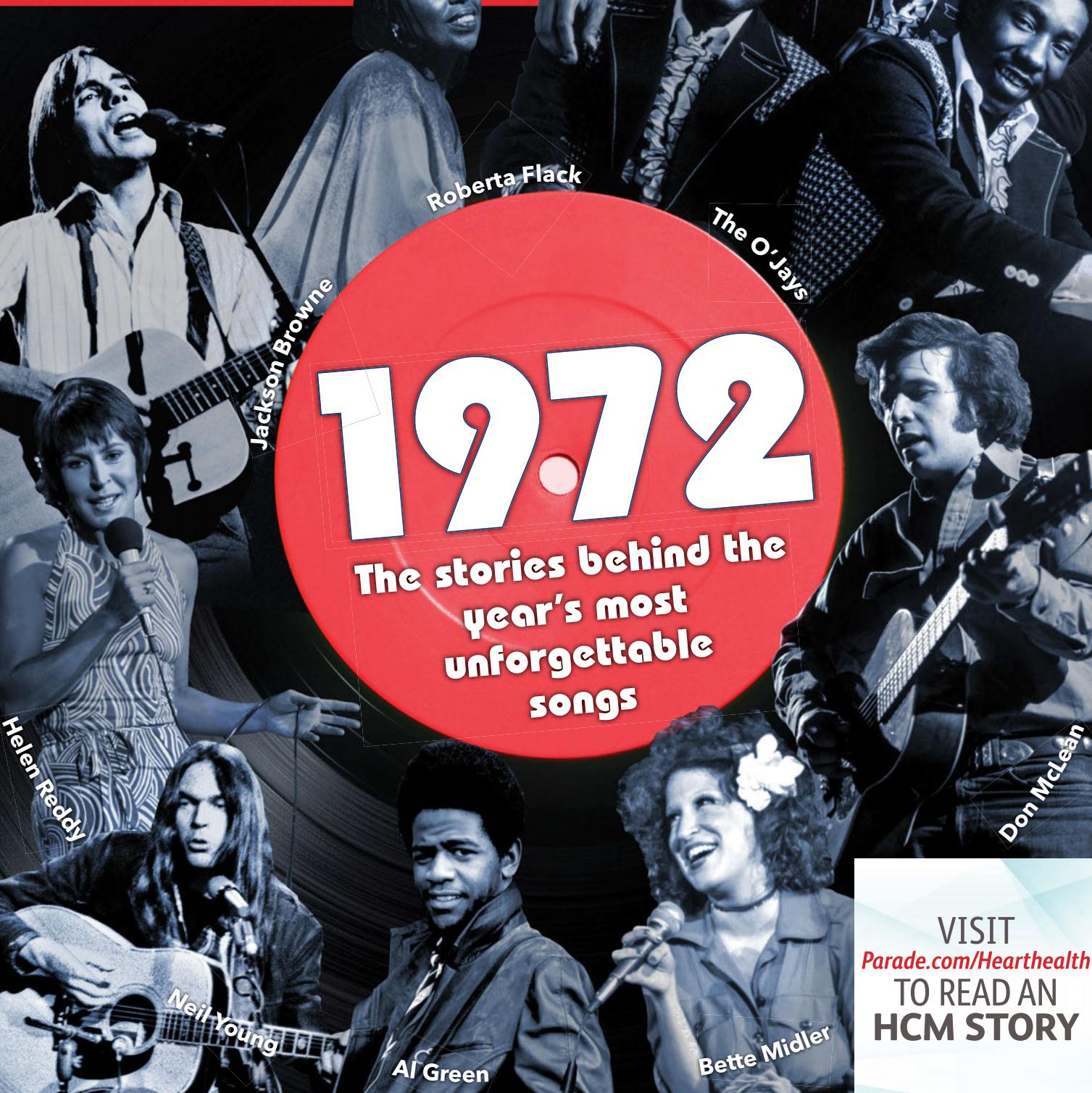
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It's a mix of action and comedy for Plaza when the *Parks and Recreation* star joins Jason Statham in *Operation Fortune: Ruse de Guerre* (coming soon). She plays a tech guru on a spy squad trying to stop the sale of a deadly new weapons technology by a billionaire arms broker (Hugh Grant). To do so, they enlist a Hollywood movie star (Josh Hartnett) to help them infiltrate a world of wealth, luxury yachts and fast cars. "It's an action-packed spy thriller about a rag-tag group of private contractors who save the day and have fun while they do it," says Plaza, 37.



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

TED DANSON

A two-time Emmy winner for *Cheers* and three-time nominee for *The Good Place*, Danson, 74, returns as fictional Los Angeles Mayor Neil Bremer in the second season of *Mr. Mayor* (March 15 on NBC). The comedy series continues the tale of the inept politician, who angers his staff, faces a potential recall election, begins dating again and tries to successfully parent his teenage daughter.

What do you like about Neil? I love that he is good-natured, he is kind, he is so self-absorbed in his little orbit of being a billionaire that he just takes for granted that he can pull off being mayor—and he can't. He's in way over his head, but he's doing it to prove to his daughter he's still got it.

You're a father. How would you judge him as a dad? A smidge self-absorbed. But you know what? So was I at times. When my kids were young, I was doing *Cheers* and running off and doing films and stuff like that. I wasn't absentee,

What surprising turn of events happened when his wife, Mary Steenburgen, guest-starred on *Mr. Mayor*? Go to Parade.com/danson to find out.

HEYYY...IT'S HENRY WINKLER

What does it mean to be human? Winkler, 76, provides the voice of Keith From Grief in the new animated workplace-comedy series *Human Resources* (March 18 on Netflix), about a group of creatures that help humans navigate through various emotions and phases of life. Here are some fun facts about the former Fonz from *Happy Days*.

He won his first Emmy at age 72 for his supporting role as acting teacher Gene Cousineau in the HBO dark comedy *Barry*.

Winkler co-wrote, with Lin Oliver, the *Hank Zipzer* book series, featuring a boy with dyslexia.

He revealed that he didn't actually ride the motorcycle on *Happy Days*. After he crashed it on his first attempt, it was mounted on a board with wheels and pulled.



He's godfather to **Bryce Dallas Howard**, the daughter of Ron Howard, his *Happy Days* co-star. ▶



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but I was gone a lot. But Neil absolutely loves his daughter. He quit his job just so he could be around her and raise her. So there's a lot of love and good intention.

What's it like working with Holly Hunter, who plays Neil's adversary, Arpi? It's like playing tennis with somebody who's better than you: You end up having to improve your game. Holly's very much that for me, Ted—and for Neil as well.

The Good Place got people to think about what it means to do the right thing. Are you satisfied with that as its takeaway? Yes: Try to be the best you can every day. We're not going to become monks or philosophers overnight, but you do know what's ethically right, especially the longer you've been on the planet.

You're a longtime environmentalist. What is your current focus? I'm on the board of directors of Oceana and have been pretty much since its inception. I've been doing it since the mid-'80s.

THE CRITICS CHOOSE

Nicole Byer, 35, the co-host of TV's *Wipeout*, joins **Taye Diggs**, 51, as he returns to host the 27th annual Critics' Choice Awards (March 13 on TBS and the CW), for which winners are voted by broadcast, print and online journalists who review television and film. The movies *West Side Story* and *Belfast* lead the film nominations with 11 each, while *Succession* is the

top contender for TV honors with eight. "Ooooh!" says Byer. "The gowns, the stars, the attention . . . I'm very excited for all of it."



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Seth Is Unafraid!

An easily petrified bear and his brave, strong-willed rabbit friend go on a silly adventure in ***I'm Not Scared, You're Scared!*** (March 15, Flamingo Books), \$19, the first picture book by writer, comedian and *Late Night* host **Seth Meyers**. The *Saturday Night Live* alum, 48, tells *Parade* how his kids help the writing process and about his favorite childhood books. —Megan O'Neill Melle

Where did the idea for a friendship between a scared bear and a fearless rabbit come from?

I'm fascinated by what kids are afraid of—sometimes their instincts are great; other times they're irrational. So that was the approach: when it's right to be afraid and when it's not.



Meyers with sons Ashe (left) and Axel in 2019. Daughter Adelaide was born in September 2021.

What do your older children, now 5 and 3, think of the story? Kids are not only the toughest critics, they're brutally honest. I started by telling them the story at night, and they've been very helpful. My fear is that they'll be a little over it when they actually get their hands on the book. But I dedicated it to them and, knowing their own egos—I don't know where they got those from, by the way; can you inherit egos?—I might get one or two extra reads.



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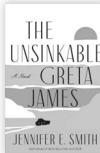
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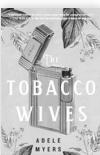
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—Megan O'Neill Melle

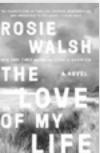
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Sex, love, feminism, retro jive, Clint Eastwood, human rights, reggae, an enduring riddle, smoke and ashes—we have the scoop on the most memorable groundbreaking music of 50 years ago. *By Jim Farber*

The pop charts sang some different tunes in 1972. New points of view arrived on the radio to serenade the blossoming feminist movement (Helen Reddy's "I Am Woman"), the emerging world of gay rights (Mott the Hoople's "All the Young Dudes") and fresh global perspectives (with the breakthrough of reggae artists, including Johnny Nash with his No. 1 smash "I Can See Clearly Now"). Other new stars went on to become cultural touchstones, including Bette Midler, Roberta Flack, Al Green and Jackson Browne. We go behind the scenes of some of our favorite 1972 tunes.

"The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face"

ROBERTA FLACK

Flack's recording of "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" from her 1969 debut initially floundered. All that changed after she got a call from actor Clint Eastwood, who said he wanted to use "First Time" in the 1971 film that would mark his directing debut, *Play Misty for Me*. "He called me at home," Flack told *The Guardian*.

"I almost passed out. He wanted to use my song only in a part of the movie where there was pure and absolute love. I told him OK, but that I wanted to re-record it because I thought it was too slow. He said, 'No, it's not.'" Clearly, Eastwood was right, because the song became *Billboard*'s top song for 1972. It also took the prizes for both Song and Record of the year at the Grammys.

Few lyrics have inspired more speculation than "American Pie." It's as much a pop quiz as a pop song, a rhyming riddle bursting with veiled references to kings (Elvis?), queens and court jesters (Bob Dylan?), as well as possible allusions to bands of the era (the Byrds and the Rolling Stones). The song's refrain—"the day the music died"—points to the 1959 plane crash that took the lives of entertainers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper. McLean kicks off the song alluding to his time working as a paperboy at 13 when he delivered headlines that reported Holly's death to his local community. The song wound up making its own headlines for its length: a whopping 8 minutes and 42 seconds. For nearly half a century, it held the record as the longest cut to hit No. 1, until Taylor Swift broke it in 2021 with her 10-minute-plus remake of her song "All Too Well." Over the years, McLean confirmed some of the identities of the stars alluded to in the song, but not all. He said that his lyrics are "beyond analysis. They're poetry."

"American Pie"

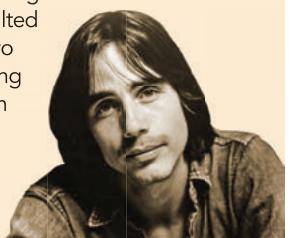
DON MCLEAN



"Doctor, My Eyes"

JACKSON BROWNE

buoyant beat and a fetching melody to soften a tough message. The singer notes that his sight needs healing after all the harshness he's witnessed in his life. To contrast the gloom, Browne hired guitarist Jesse Ed Davis to create the song's barreling solo, which he recorded in one take. He also paired his own voice with the harmonies of friends David Crosby and Graham Nash. The latter suggested the song serve as the single from Browne's debut album, which resulted in a Top 10 hit. Two months later, a song Browne wrote with Glenn Frey, "Take It Easy," gave the Eagles their inauspicious hit.



"Go All the Way"

RASPBERRIES

Raspberries' leader **Eric Carmen** knew he wanted to write a song about sex when he penned "Go All the Way." But he gave the tune an uncommon point of view, with a girl begging her guy to "go all the way," a twist in those sexist, male-dominated times. Among the first "power pop" songs—a genre that mixes sweet melodies with hard-driving rhythms—the

Top 5 hit also boasted an unusual structure: a chorus that lasts far longer than the verse. And the album cover featured scratch-and-sniff raspberries.

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"I Am Woman"

HELEN REDDY

The same year that Gloria Steinem launched her groundbreaking *Ms.* magazine, a song arrived that could have served as its soundtrack. "I Am Woman," first released on Reddy's debut album in 1971, had a rebirth the next year when it was featured in a feminist film titled *Stand Up and Be Counted*, starring Jacqueline Bisset. Though the film bombed, Reddy's record company felt the song could be a hit, given the nascent women's movement. In 2003, Reddy told Australia's *Sunday Magazine* that she was inspired to write the lyrics by the "strong women in my family who had gotten through the Depression and world wars and drunken, abusive husbands." Song co-writer Ray Burton matched Reddy's words to rousing music, helping it bound up the charts to *Billboard's* No. 1 spot, making Reddy the first Down Under artist to achieve that feat. In a memorable moment at the next year's Grammys, she accepted the prize for Best Female Performance by thanking "God, because *she* makes everything possible."

"Love Train"

THE O'JAYS

Released in the last weeks of 1972, "Love Train" broke into the Top 40 the same day that the Paris peace agreement was signed. The timing couldn't have been more apt, as the song called for every nation to get on board with its message of getting in the groove of love. The music, driven by the sound of Philadelphia soul with rich strings, a danceable beat and soulful vocals, matched its strong message. As the group's **Walter Williams** told *The Guardian*, "Vietnam was rumbling on, the rich were getting richer... so it was the perfect time to sing about social issues." The result gave the O'Jays their most successful single ever, crowning *Billboard's* Hot 100.



"I Can See Clearly Now"

JOHNNY NASH

Reggae broke big in the U.S., thanks in part to Johnny Nash. He wasn't the first star to have a major island-style hit here, but 1972 greatly expanded the reach of reggae, beginning in September when



the very American group Three Dog Night went No. 1 with a cover of the Maytones' reggae hit "Black and White." Two months later, Nash (one of the first non-Jamaican artists to record reggae music in Kingston, Jamaica) topped the

charts with a song that stands as one of pop's most optimistic anthems. "The rain is gone," Nash sings. "All of the bad feelings have disappeared / Here is that rainbow I've been praying for." The same year, Jimmy Cliff released the song "The Harder They Come," which doubled as the title track to the seminal reggae film starring the singer. And all this took place three years before Bob Marley's global breakthrough.

"Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"

BETTE MIDLER

Midler found her first smash with a jivey cover of a song made popular in 1941 by the Andrews Sisters. Midler says two oldies compilation albums, given to her by her parents as a child, introduced her to vintage music. Her record company initially intended "Bugle Boy" as the B-side of another song, "Delta Dawn." But when Helen Reddy released her version of "Delta Dawn," they flipped the sides, resulting in a Top 10 hit.

A strange thing happened in the early '70s: Stars began scoring hits with songs from the 1940s. The Pointer Sisters had "Salt Peanuts," based on a 1942 riff from Dizzy Gillespie, and Bette



"Smoke on the Water"

DEEP PURPLE

The lyrics to Deep Purple's monster hit couldn't have been more literal. They tell the true story of "some stupid with a flare gun" whose reckless act reduced to ashes the casino in Montreux, Switzerland, where the band was supposed to record their new album. Instead, they recorded in a mobile recording unit used by the Rolling Stones, writing "Smoke" at the last minute as filler to complete the album. Later, guitarist **Ritchie Blackmore** admitted that he based his iconic recurring riff—one of the most famous in rock history—on the first movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

"All the Young Dudes"

MOTT THE HOOPLE

When David Bowie got word that Mott the Hoople—a struggling British cult band at the time—was about to break up, he offered a song to keep them together. First, he suggested the supercharged "Suffragette City," a song meant for his own upcoming album. But the band rejected that in favor of another tune, "All the Young Dudes," an unrecorded ballad Bowie performed for them. "I knew that one was special," Mott's lead singer, **Ian Hunter**, told *Billboard*. Bowie even offered to produce the single, which cracked the U.S. Top 40. More than a hit, "Dudes" became an anthem for the era's glam-rock style and the emerging gay rights movement, inspired by a same-gender sexual relationship in the lyric. That same year, Lou Reed scored a hit with the equally edgy "Walk on the Wild Side," which name-checked Andy Warhol's cast of underground stars. Together, those two songs made 1972 a watershed year for pop's new sexual expressiveness.



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"Let's Stay Together"

AL GREEN

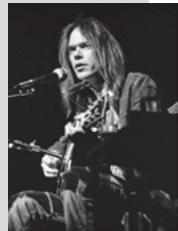
It's hard to imagine a vocal performance with more passion and grace than Green's in "Let's Stay Together." As it happened, "Stay" became his only No. 1 hit. Charles Hodges, who played organ on the track, told *Mojo* magazine that, to give Green an audience for his performance, a bunch of people who'd been hanging outside drinking were invited into the studio. "When you sing, if you look at people, you can relate to the song a little more compassionately," Hodges said. The song proved so potent that Tina Turner's version, cut 11 years later, got to No. 30, paving the way for her post-*live* comeback, which culminated in the No. 1 smash "What's Love Got to Do With It."



"Heart of Gold"

NEIL YOUNG

A back injury played a part in inspiring Neil Young to write the biggest song of his career. Standing up with an electric guitar hurt, so he sat down and created a series of softer ballads, including the sentimental "Heart of Gold." He recorded it at a Nashville session the day after making an appearance on Johnny Cash's ABC variety show, which was taped at the famous Ryman Auditorium, the home of the Grand Ole Opry. Two other artists on that episode—James Taylor and the not-yet-superstar Linda Ronstadt—were invited to the Music Row studio to sing backup. The song hit No. 1, but the scale of its success irked Young. In the liner notes for a later album, he wrote, "This song put me in the middle of the road. Travelling there soon became a bore, so I headed for the ditch." Young may have shunned the mainstream, but a new vocal band, America, fully embraced it with their debut single, "A Horse With No Name"—which sounded a lot like Young's song and wound up replacing "Gold" at No. 1.



"I'll Take You There"

THE STAPLE SINGERS

Mavis Staples took the pop charts to church with this uplifting hit. Her group, led by her father, Roebuck "Pops" Staples, and featuring her sisters, Yvonne and Cleotha, came from the righteous world of gospel to record the song at the temple of Southern soul, Muscle Shoals Sound Studio. They were brought there by Stax Records chief Al Bell, who wrote the piece after the murder of his younger brother, using its healing words to seek solace from his pain.



Spurred by Mavis' resounding lead vocal, the single went all the way to No. 1. The singer told *Uncut* magazine, "The only thing that was rehearsed was the verse. All of the other stuff just came to me in the studio. It all comes from what you feel."

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